

HOUSE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Chair: Representative Dave Pinto

Vice Chair: Representative Heather Keeler

Tuesday, March 14, 2023, 8:30 AM

State Office Building Rm 200

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Approval of Minutes**
 - **Wednesday, March 8, 2023**
3. **HF2281 (Hill)** Early education teachers required to be licensed, and definition of teacher modified under Public Employment Labor Relations Act.
 - **Testifiers:**
 - **Brianna Ostoff**, Director of Community Education, Farmington Area Public Schools.
 - **Sarah Craig**, M.A., Preschool Teacher, South Washington County Schools
 - **Dominic Kirkpatrick**, Professional Development/ Instructional Coach, President, Eden Prairie Education Association and Eden Prairie Preschool Education Association
4. **HF2478 (Hill)** Way to Grow program funding provided, and money appropriated.
 - **Testifiers:**
 - **Carolyn Smallwood**, CEO, Way to Grow,
 - **Sydney Beane**, Way to Grow Parent
5. **HF1994 (Pryor)** ParentChild+ program funding provided, and money appropriated.
 - **Testifiers:**
 - **Kristi Murray**, Jewish Family and Children's Service of Minneapolis, ParentChild+ Program Manager
 - **Leslie Limón**, Rice County Healthy Community Initiative, Rice County ParentChild+ Director, Growing Up Healthy Coordinator
 - **John Smith**, Board Chair, Program Developer, Promise Neighborhood of Central Minnesota
6. **HF2514 (Hassan)** YWCA Minneapolis grant established for early childhood and youth programming, and money appropriated.
 - **Testifiers:**
 - **Luna Allen-Bakerian**, Race Equity and Public Policy Strategist, YWCA Minneapolis

***Children and Families will recess and take up the following bills at 6:30 PM:*

7. **HF1806 (Clardy)** Assessment of school readiness required for children entering kindergarten.
8. **HF2330 (Coulter)** Provisions dealing with child care safety and correction orders, human services licensing qualifications, infant safety, and foster care and child care training modified.
 - **Testifiers:**
 - **Autumn Baum**, Legislative Director, Office of Inspector General, Department of Human Services
9. **HF993 (Coulter)** Education finance; developmental screening aid increased, and money appropriated.

- **Testifiers:**
 - **Wendy Webster**, Director of Community Services & Communications, St. Anthony-New Brighton School District.
- 10. HF2573 (Kotzya-Witthuhn)** Early childhood apprenticeship program established; funding provided for apprenticeship program, early childhood workforce compensation task force, early childhood workforce development scholarships, and grants to postsecondary institutions to improve early childhood program curricula; reports required; and money appropriated.
 - **Testifiers:**
 - **Ann McCully**, Co-Chair, Transforming Minnesota’s Early Childhood Workforce
 - **Hope Doerner**, Early Childhood Education Faculty, Minneapolis Community Technical College
- 11. HF2665 (Hicks)** Diaper distribution grant program established, reports required, and money appropriated.
 - **Testifiers:**
 - **Deirdre Kanzer**, Executive Director, Diaper Bank of Minnesota
 - **Michelle Winkleman**, Board Member, Diaper Bank of Minnesota
 - **Shashana Craft**, Director of Programs, Division of Indian Work
- 12. *HF2292 (Pinto)** Obsolete language removed from voluntary prekindergarten statutes.
- 13. *HF2293 (Pinto)** Obsolete language removed from early childhood family education statutes.
- 14. *HF2476 (Pinto)** Child care assistance; obsolete language removed.
- 15. *HF2698 (Pinto)** Child care assistance; obsolete language removed.
- 16. Adjournment**

*Vehicle bills only, there will be no discussion and testimony.

Agenda items may be added or changed