



FFN Policy Call

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Important Dates

March 28- Final date for public hearings

March 31- Full-day floor debate begins

April 8- Next policy call (1:30pm)

Child Care Subsidy

LB13- Require the Department of Health and Human Services to file a state plan amendment relating to child care

- Placed on Select File on March 11. Senator Cavanaugh's priority bill.

LB71- Change requirements for child care reimbursement rates

- HHS Committee hearing was on Jan. 23

LB95- Provide for a pilot program under the federal Child Care Subsidy program

- HHS Committee hearing on Feb. 12

Child Care Subsidy

LB304- Eliminate a sunset date for the federal Child Care Subsidy program

- HHS Committee hearing was on Feb. 6

LB339- Require the Department of Health and Human Services to provide a report regarding the federal Child Care Subsidy program

- This bill will not move forward. The Department will make this change administratively.

LB442- Establish a state Child Care Subsidy program

- HHS Committee hearing was on March 14

Child Care- Workforce

- LB51-** Adopt the National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact
- Passed on Final Reading (48-0-1) and approved by the Governor on Feb. 25
- LB363-** Adopt the Apprenticeship Grant Act
- Business and Labor hearing was on Feb. 10

Child Care- Programs and Operations

LB248- Exempt certain program from child care licensing requirements

- Advanced from Select File on March 18

LB274- Change requirements under the Child Care Licensing Act for liability insurance coverage and inspections and investigations

- HHS Committee hearing was on Feb. 5

Child Care- Safety and Security

LB162- Adopt the Child Care Safety and Security Act

- HHS Committee hearing was on Jan. 29

LB457- Require anaphylaxis policies for school districts and licensed child care facilities and provide a limit on the amount an insured is required to pay by an insurance policy or benefit plan for epinephrine injectors

- Advanced to Select File on March 12

LB670- Require schools to adopt a safety plan and provide and change requirements related to training for staff of child care and schools

- Education Committee hearing was on Feb. 4

Child Care- Accessibility

LB74- Authorize certain expenditures under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act

- Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee was on Feb. 6

LB94- Adopt the Digital Skills Empowerment Act and change the use of the Workforce Development Program Cash Fund

- Business and Labor Hearing was on Feb. 3

Child Care- Budget and Taxes

LB157- Adopt the Child Tax Credit Act

- Revenue Committee hearing was on March 19

LB161- Redefine formula students under the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act

- Education Committee hearing was on Feb. 10

LB182- Change provisions relating to the Affordable Housing Tax Credit Act and the Child Care Tax Credit Act

- Passed on Final Reading (46-2-1) and approved by the Governor on Feb. 28

Child Care- Budget and Taxes

LB264- Provide, change, and eliminate transfers from the Cash Reserve Fund and various other funds and change, terminate, and eliminate various statutory programs.

- Appropriations Committee hearing was on Feb. 18

LB710- Increase the earned income tax credit

- Revenue Committee hearing was on Feb. 19

Department of Education Budget Request

- Appropriations Committee hearing was on Feb. 27

Child Care- Budget and Taxes

LB583- Change provisions relating to the rate and disbursement of the documentary stamp, the Child Care Grant Fund, child care grants, the Military Installation Development and Support Fund, the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, the Innovation Hub Cash Fund, the Economic Recovery Contingency Fund, and the Health Care Homes for the Medically Underserved Fund

- Revenue Committee hearing was on Feb. 21

Home Visiting

LB22- Require the Department of Health and Human Services to file a state plan amendment for evidence-based nurse home-visitation services

- Advanced from Select File with AM348 on March 11

LB104- Adopt the Family Home Visitation Act

- Included in AM348 to LB22. LB22 advanced from Select File on March 11.

Maternal and Child Health

LB41- Change blood test requirements for pregnant women

- Returned to Select File for an amendment. Advanced from Select File on March 20.

LB153- Require the Department of Health and Human Services to file a state plan amendment for postpartum coverage

- HHS Committee hearing was on March 14

LB446- Change provisions relating to release of health data

- HHS Committee hearing was on Feb. 27

Maternal and Child Health

LB189- Adopt the Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Act

- Business and Labor Committee hearing was on March 17

LB224- Require paid maternity leave for state employees

- Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee hearing was on Feb. 21. Senator Guereca's priority bill.

LB283- Require the Department of Health and Human Services to implement express lane eligibility

- HHS Committee hearing was on March 13

Policy Leadership Academy (PLA)

Applications for the next class open May 5

PLA Information Zoom Meeting on April 22 at 1:30pm

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