

Home for Little Wanderers

Legislative Priorities 2019-2020

All of our advocacy and lobbying work is done in partnerships with different coalitions and our provider agencies. The reason why we think working in coalitions is important is because the nature of child welfare policy impacts all children in the system and not just children in our care. We strive to create positive outcomes for children across the Commonwealth, and we understand that working in partnership with like-minded organizations strengthens our ability to create change. Our legislative partners include the Lift our Kids MA Campaign, the Providers' Council, the Children's League of Massachusetts and the Citizens for Juvenile Justice Coalition. We support every piece of legislation listed below.

[Lift Our Kids MA Campaign](#)

Bill Name	Bill Number	Filed by	Committee Assignment
An Act to Lift the Cap on Kids An Act Relative to Well-Being and Care of a Child	H.104 S.37	Rep. Marjorie Decker Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities
An Act to Reduce Deep Poverty Among Kids An Act to Lift Kids out of Deep Poverty	H.102 S.36	Rep. Marjorie Decker Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities

For more information on bills being filed by the Lift our Kids MA Campaign, click [here](#).

[Provider's Council](#)

Bill Name	Bill Number	Filed by	Committee Assignment
An Act relative to Fair Pay for Comparable Work	H.138 S.1077	Rep. Kay Khan Sen. Cindy Friedman	-Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities -Labor and Workforce Development
An Act Establishing a Loan Repayment Program for Direct Care Human Service Workers	H.163 S.56	Rep. Jeffrey Roy Sen. Eric Lesser	Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities
An Act Relative to Affordable Health Insurance Group Purchasing for Human Service	H.1171 S.573	Rep. Jack Lewis Sen. Sal DiDomenico	-Health Care Financing -Financial Services

Providers			
An Act Relative to Exempting Human Services Organizations from Making EMAC Supplemental Payments	H.1594 S.1098	Rep. Gerry Cassidy Sen. Michael Moore	Labor and Workforce Development

For more information on the bills filed by the Providers' Council, [click here](#).

[Children's League of Massachusetts](#)

Bill Name	Bill Number	Filed by	Committee Assignment
An Act Ensuring the Continuous Healthcare Coverage for Youth who Have Aged Out of the Department of Children and Families	H.124 S.35	Rep. Danielle Gregoire Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities
An Act Expanding Access to Adoptions An Act Relative to Expanding Access to Adoption	H.1492 S.63	Rep. Jack Lewis Sen. Joan Lovely	The Judiciary Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities
An Act Granting Equal Access to Original Birth Certificates to All Persons Born in Massachusetts	H.1892 S.1267	Rep. Sean Garballey & Rep. Daniel Cullinane Sen. James Eldridge	Public Health
An Act Relative to Abusive Practices to Change Sexual Orientation and gender Identity in Minors	H.110 S.70	Rep. Kay Khan Sen. Mark Montigny	Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities
An Act to End Child Marriage in Massachusetts	S.24	Sen. Harriette Chandler	Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities
An Act relative to Fair Pay for Comparable Work	H.138 S.1077	Rep. Kay Khan Sen. Cindy Friedman	-Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities -Labor and Workforce Development
An Act Establishing the Massachusetts Foster Care Review Office	H.112	Rep. Tricia Farley-Bouvier Rep. Aaron Vega	Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities

	S.29	Sen. Joanne Comerford	
An Act to Provide Identification to Homeless Youth and Families	H.3066 S.2043	Rep. Kay Khan Sen. Harriette Chandler	Transportation
An Act Establishing a Foster Parents Bill of Rights	H.113 S.30	Rep. Tricia Farley-Bouvier & Rep. Joseph McKenna Sen. Joanne Comerford	Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities

For more information on bills being filed and endorsed by the Children's League of MA, click [here](#).

[Citizens for Juvenile Justice Coalition](#)

Bill Name	Bill Number	Filed by	Committee Assignment
An Act Improving Juvenile Justice Data Collection	H.2141 S.1386	Rep. Chynah Tyler Sen. Cynthia Creem	Public Safety and Homeland Security
An Act to Promote the Education Success of Court Involved Children	H.531 S.297	Rep. Joan Meschino Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Education
An Act Relative to Expungement, Sealing and Criminal Records Provisions	H.1386	Rep. Marjorie Decker Rep. Kay Khan	The Judiciary
An Act Relative to Expungement	S.900	Sen. Cynthia Creem	
An Act to Promote Public Safety and Better Outcomes for Young Adults	H.3420 S.825	Rep. Jim O'Day Rep. Kay Khan Sen. Joseph Boncore	The Judiciary
An Act to Reduce Recidivism Among Emerging Adults	H.1486 S.940	Rep. Jim O'Day Rep. Kay Khan Sen. Cindy Friedman	The Judiciary
An Act Clarifying Consent Laws or Adolescents	H.1493	Rep. Jack Lewis	The Judiciary
An Act Relative to Consensual Adolescent Sexual Activity	S.1014	Rep. Aaron Vega Sen. Rebecca Rausch	
An Act Relative to Multi-System Youth	H.1514	Rep. Joan Meschino	The Judiciary

For more information on the bills filed by the Citizens for Juvenile Justice Coalition, click [here](#).

National Association of School Psychologists

Bill Name	Bill Number	Filed by	Committee Assignment
An Act Relative to Abusive Practices to Change Sexual Orientation and gender Identity in Minors	H.110 S.70	Rep. Kay Khan Sen. Mark Montigny	Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities
An Act updating terminology and investigative practices related to the protection of persons with disabilities	H.117 S.53	Rep. Sean Garballey Sen. John Keenan	Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities
An Act relative to marriage and family therapists, rehabilitation counselors, mental health counselors, educational psychologists, applied behavior analysts; licenses; qualifications	H.1904	Rep. Danielle Gregoire	Public Health
An Act relative to early literacy education	H.425 S.234	Rep. Michael Day Sen. Joseph Boncore	Education
An Act establishing mandatory school lockdown drills in the Commonwealth	H.433	Rep. Shawn Dooley	Education
An Act promoting trauma informed supports in schools	H.577	Rep. Chynah Tyler	Education
An Act relative to school safety	H.1562	Rep. Theodore Speliotis	The Judiciary
Resolve establishing an enhanced public school safety commission	H.2018	Rep. James Arciero	Public Safety and Homeland Security
An Act relative to dropout prevention and re-engagement	H.550 S.241	Rep. Alice Hanlon Peisch Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz	Education
An Act requiring critical incident drills in schools	H.594	Rep. Thomas Walsh Rep. Gerry Cassidy	Education
An Act relative to community support for at-risk youth	H.1402	Rep. Dykema Rep. Keefe	The Judiciary
An Act relative to emergency response in an active shooter or hostile event situation	H.2152 S.1450	Rep. Timothy Whelan Sen. Patrick O'Connor	Public safety and Homeland Security
An Act relative to juvenile violence	S.922	Sen. Diana DiZoglio (By request)	The Judiciary

An Act to prioritize violence prevention and social emotional health in school support staff hiring	S.243	Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz	Education
An Act implementing the Every Student Succeeds Act	S.299	Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Education
An Act promoting local control and effective training of school resource officers	S.317	Sen. Patrick O'Connor	Education
An Act relative to school safety issues	S.338	Sen. Bruce Tarr	Education
An Act relative to school safety and security	S.343	Sen. Walter Timilty	Education

Other

Bill Name	Bill Number	Filed by	Committee Assignment
An Act to Authorize the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Establish Additional Mandated Reporters for the Purpose of the Protection and Care of Children	H.90 S.47	Rep. Jay Barrows Sen. Paul Feeney	Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities
An Act Relative to mandated Reporter Reform	H.137 S.62	Rep. Kay Khan Sen. Joan Lovely	Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities
An Act Relative to the Penalties for the Crime of Female Genital Mutilation An Act Relative to Female Genital Mutilation	H.3332 S.834	Rep. Natalie Higgins Rep. Jay Livingstone Sen. Joseph Boncore	Judiciary

We will keep continue to post updates on this page as the legislative session continues. Next will be bill assignments to committees as well as bill number assignments and, in the spring, public hearings.