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LEGISLATIVE TRACKER (AS OF MAY 31, 2016)

As of May 31, 2016 all but four states convened or adjourned their 2016 legislative session. View the full [2016 legislative calendar](#) for all states and the territories, included targeted adjournment dates on NCSL's website. With many sessions already adjourned this will be our final Legislative Tracker for the year. Please anticipate the Early Care and Education 2016 Legislative Action report out in early 2017.

The [Early Care and Education 2015 Legislative Action](#) report is available on NCSL's website as well as access to [previous years' reports](#). And to see the most up-to-date status and description of 2016 bills, please visit the NCSL [Early Care and Education Database](#), updated weekly.

Highlights of Enacted Bills between May 10, 2016 & May 31, 2016

State	Bill Number	Author	Title	Current Disposition	Summary
AZ	H 2262	Brophy McGee	Child Care Assistance	Enacted	This bill amends child care assistance eligibility requirements for families who are attempting to achieve independence from the cash assistance program and who need child care assistance in support of and as specified in their personal responsibility agreement.
AZ	S 1270	Griffin	Pest Management Division	Enacted	Requires an advance of seventy-two hours notice for pesticide applications at schools and child care facilities.
CO	H 1227	Kagan	Child Support Enforcement Requirements	Enacted	Establishes exemptions from child support enforcement requirements as a condition of receipt of child care assistance under the State Child Care Assistance Program for teen parents and victims of domestic violence, a sexual offense, harassment, or stalking.
CO	S 212	Crowder	Child Care Assistance Program Eligibility Requirement	Enacted	Aligns state statutes with changes made to the federal child care and assistance program; requires that a child receiving Colorado child care assistance supports continues to be eligible for those supports for a specified period before eligibility is redetermined, as long as the child's family income remains below a percentage of the state median income for that family size.

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CT	H 5069	Joint Higher Ed	School Readiness and Workforce Development Program	Enacted	Establishes a two-generational school readiness and workforce development pilot program to foster family economic self-sufficiency in low-income households by delivering academic and job readiness support services across two generations in the same household that include mothers, fathers, noncustodial parents and other primary caregivers, includes early learning, adult education, child care, housing, job training, transportation, mental and mental health services and financial literacy.
CT	H 5306	Joint Education	Child Care Licenses	Enacted	Requires that a currently licensed person or entity seeking a change of operator, ownership or location shall file a new child care license application, allows a waiver if the request was submitted prior to the change of ownership or location, adds any entity or organization that provides certain services or a program shall inform the parents and legal guardians of children receiving such services or enrolled in such programs that it is not licensed.
CT	S 502	Looney	Budget for 2017	Enacted	<p>The Office of Early Childhood (OEC) commissioner can provide state grants, to those with whom it contracts, to develop and operate child care centers for disadvantaged children in an amount up to \$8,927 for each child enrolled. The bill requires the OEC commissioner to submit a report to the Appropriations Committee by October 1, 2016 and quarterly thereafter about school readiness and state-funded child care facilities program capacity and utilization.</p> <p>The bill establishes a separate, nonlapsing two-generation poverty reduction account in the General Fund. The account may receive (1) transfers of lapsing funds from General Fund operations or DSS poverty reduction accounts and (2) funds from public and philanthropic sources or the federal government for the fund's purposes. All money deposited in the account must be used by DSS or DSS-contracted persons to fund services to support two-generation poverty reduction programs.</p>
IA	S 2324	Appropriations Cmt	State Department and Agency Appropriations	Enacted	Appropriates funding for continued development and implementation of an educational data warehouse that will be utilized by teachers, parents, school district administrators, area education agency staff, department of education staff, and policymakers and for the development of an integrated data system for maternal health, child health, oral health, family planning, the maternal, infant, and early childhood home visiting program, the healthy opportunities for parents to experience success program, the school-based dental sealant program, and the First Five Program.

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KS	S 402	Public Health and Welfare Cmt	Public Assistance	Enacted	<p>Amends bill to include that any individual that has failed to cooperate with a fraud investigation will be ineligible to participate in the TANF cash assistance program and the child care subsidy program. The Department for Children and Families must maintain a sufficient level of fraud investigative staff to enable the department to conduct fraud investigations in a timely manner and an electronic check for any false information provided on an application for benefits.</p> <p>Requires the Department of Administration to provide monthly to the Kansas Department for Children and Families the social security numbers or alternate taxpayer identification numbers of all persons who claim a Kansas lottery prize in excess of \$5,000 during the reported month and will use this data received to determine if any recipient's eligibility for benefits has been affected by lottery prize winnings.</p>
LA	H 175	Hilferty	Early Learning Center Licensing	Enacted	Requires the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to include requirements for employees of early learning centers to receive training in recognition and prevention of shaken baby syndrome; provide information and resources for such training and for other areas of training required for employees of early learning centers in promoting the health, safety, and welfare of children; and make information easily accessible through its website.
MD	H 668 / S 584	Rosenberg / King	Preschool Development Grants	Enacted	Requires the Governor to include in the state budget funding in a specified amount for each fiscal year in which the State Department of Education receives an Expansion Grant through the federal Preschool Development Grants Program. The bill also provides an appropriation of state funds equal to the amount that the state committed to fund as the state match in its application.
MD	H 657 / S 794	Shoemaker / Jennings	Prekindergarten and Statewide Kindergarten Assessments	Enacted	Allows the administration of prekindergarten and kindergarten assessments, including completion of the assessment before a certain date and the return of aggregate results within a certain period of time. Requires that statewide assessments be limited to a representative sample of students from within each local school system, and allows for the evaluation of certain skills, knowledge, and development.
MN	H 2749	Knoblach	State Finances	Enacted	A district, a charter school, a group of districts, a group of charter schools, or a group of districts and charter schools may establish a voluntary prekindergarten program. The purpose of a voluntary prekindergarten program is to prepare children for success as they enter kindergarten in the following year.

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					The program must: provide instruction through play-based learning; use a formative assessment aligned with early learning standards provide comprehensive program content; provide at least 350 hours of instruction per school year; provide staff with salaries comparable to the salaries of local kindergarten through grade 12 instructional staff; coordinate appropriate kindergarten transition with families, community-based prekindergarten programs, and school district kindergarten programs; implement parent engagement strategies for kindergarten transition; coordinate with community-based services, to ensure children have access to comprehensive services; coordinate with all relevant school district programs and services including early childhood special education, homeless students, and English learners; ensure staff-to-child ratios of one-to-ten and a maximum group size of 20; provide high-quality coordinated professional development, training, and coaching that is informed by a measure of adult-child interactions. A voluntary prekindergarten program must have teachers knowledgeable in early childhood curriculum content, assessment, native and English language programs, and instruction. Includes rules for eligibility, mixed delivery of services, and qualification for high poverty areas.
MN	S 3208	Jensen	Child Care Task Force	Enacted	Creates a legislative task force on child care to review the loss of child care providers in the state, assess affordability issues for providers and parents, and identify areas that need to be addressed by the legislature, review the current preservice and in-service training requirements for family child care providers and child care center staff, review the time it takes for the department to provide Child Care Assistance Program reimbursement to providers.
MS	H 1787	Burnett	Tunica County Board of Supervisors Contribution	Enacted	Establishes an Act to authorize the Board of Supervisory of Tunica County, Mississippi, to contribute funds to the Tunica Head Start Center to operate and maintain a comprehensive development programs. The funds can be used but not limited to, promoting schools readiness, influencing early learning through planned and spontaneous instruction, implementing learning structures that produce growth in literacy and language, early math and science concepts, and social and emotional development, and supplying parental and family support in housing stability, continued education, and financial security.
OK	S 1211	Griffin	Child Care Facilities Requirements and Standards	Enacted	Directs the appointment of advisory committees consisting of representatives of child care facilities and others to recommend minimum requirements and desirable standards for child care facilities, provides for membership requirements and term limitations for the committees and members thereof,

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					requires the creation of a Child Care Facility Peer Review Board, prohibits facilities from specified practices, requires the promulgation of related rules after consultation with specified entities.
OK	S 1273	Floyd	Child Care Facilities	Enacted	Child care facilities shall not use soft or loose bedding, including but not limited to blankets, in sleeping equipment or in sleeping areas. No facility shall allow toys or educational devices in sleeping equipment or in a sleeping area. No facility shall place a child in sleeping equipment or in a sleeping area which has not been previously approved for use as such by the Department.
OK	S 1274	Floyd	Child Care Facilities	Enacted	Requires a child care facility that does not have general liability insurance post a conspicuous notice at the facility indicating the facility does not have liability insurance coverage pursuant to this section or reports self-insurance in accordance with state law; and keep a form signed by the parent or legal guardian of each child that he or she has been told that the child care facility does not carry at least two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) of general liability insurance.
OK	S 1424	David	Child Care Facilities Licensing	Enacted	Requires a comprehensive background check, and fingerprint, for any person requesting issuance of a permit or license, owners and responsible entities making a request to establish or operate a child care facility, prior to allowing unsupervised access to children by employees or individuals, prior to the issuance of a permit or license and prior to the residence of adults who subsequently move into a facility, adults living in the facility, and children who reside in the facility and turn eighteen (18) years of age, shall have a: Child Care Restricted Registry search conducted by the facility, national criminal history records search conducted, criminal history records search conducted by an authorized source, when the individual has lived outside the United States within the last three (3) years, and search of the Department of Corrections' files maintained pursuant to the Sex Offenders Registration Act and conducted by the Department of Human Services.
OK	S 1554	Marlatt	Child Care Facilities	Enacted	All directors of child care centers shall have either: a bachelor degree in early childhood education or child development, or a bachelor degree and at least three (3) years of experience working with children from newborn to twelve (12) years of age.
OK	S 1605	Jolley	Income Tax Credits	Enacted	Amends the date from January 1, 2017 to January 1, 2016, for an allowable credit against the tax for eligible expenses incurred by entities primarily engaged in the business of providing child care services.

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					No credit otherwise authorized may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after January 1, 2016, for which the credit would otherwise be allowable.
RI	H 7220 / S 2096	McNamara / Weed	Family Home Visiting Act	Enacted	Establishes the Rhode Island Family Home Visiting Act. Requires the Department of Health to coordinate the system of early childhood home visiting services, implement a statewide home visiting system that uses evidence-based models proven to improve child and family outcomes, and implement a system to identify and refer families prenatally or as early after the birth of a child as possible. Requires a state home visiting report to be made electronically available.
VT	H 812	Lippert	Accountable Care Organizations	Enacted	Implements an all-payer model and oversight of accountable care organizations (ACO); requires that the Green Mountain Care Board review and consider information regarding utilization of the health care services delivered by health care providers participating in the ACO and the effects of care models on appropriate utilization, including the provision of innovative services such as, among other things, the extent to which the ACO provides incentives for preventing and addressing the impacts of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and other traumas, such as developing quality outcome measures for use by primary care providers working with children and families, developing partnerships between nurses and families, providing opportunities for home visits, and including parent-child centers and designated agencies as participating providers in the ACO.

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