

MINNESOTA COALITION FOR TARGETED HOME VISITING

May 26, 2016

2016 Legislative Session Update

Summary

The 2016 Legislative Session ended May 23rd with mixed reviews. They passed a supplemental budget bill and tax bill but failed to pass a bonding or transportation bill this session. The Governor is considering a special session to complete the bonding and transportation bill and he is consider vetoing the supplemental budget bill so they can add or make some final changes.

Bills & Initiatives

Key Bills

- [SF 998](#) - Increase MA Reimbursement Rates for model home visiting programs in MN
- [SF 3061](#) Coalition demonstration pilots for standards
- [SF 2411/ HF 2670](#) [ABC Act, MinneMinds] – Parent Aware, early learning scholarships, demonstration pilots for home visiting
- [SF 2438](#) ECFE Levy Increase
- [HF 2749 Omnibus supplemental budget bill](#)

What Passed Impacting Targeted Home Visiting

1. Funding for the Parent-Child home visiting program. They received \$350,000 in 2016 and \$2.3 million for 2017, which can be spend down through June 2019. Their base appropriation is \$350,000 beginning 2018.

The grant must be used for an evidence-based and research-validated early childhood literacy and school readiness program for children ages 16 months to four years at its existing suburban program location. The program must include urban and rural program locations for fiscal years 2016 and 2017.

2. Early Childhood Family Education increases the levy and allows ECFE to receive aid based on a new levy formula. Effective 2018 and beyond.
3. \$25 million for new voluntary mixed delivery pre-school program for four-year-olds. The program targets school districts whose families have the greatest need, and utilizes the full array of high quality early childhood program types (public and private) to ensure access that meets the needs of families.
4. MN Dept. of Health will establish a grant program to provide culturally competent programs to screen and treat pregnant women and women who have given birth in the preceding 12 months for pre- and postpartum mood and anxiety disorders. Organizations may use grant funds to establish new screening or treatment programs, or expand or maintain existing screening or treatment programs. *New resource for home visitors.*

Policy Goals

1. Increase quality among all providers of targeted home visiting services
2. Increase access to high quality targeted home visiting services for families at risk (e.g. teens, children at risk of abuse/neglect)

2016 Legislative Session Priorities

1. Advocate for funding of pilot projects to expand targeted home visiting services using new statewide quality standards in evidence-informed programs.
2. Seek funding to implement baseline training for new home visitors.
3. Support increasing Medicaid reimbursement rate for evidence-based targeted home visiting

5. DHS will pilot a treatment program for pregnant and postpartum women with substance disorder. *New resource for home visitors.*

Upcoming Changes in House and Senate

Members not seeking re-election to Legislature

LEGISLATOR	BODY	PARTY	DISTRICT
Mark Anderson	House	Republican	9A
Joe Atkins	House	DFL	52B
Dave Brown	Senate	Republican	15
Barb Goodwin	Senate	DFL	41
Dave Hancock	House	Republican	2A
Alice Johnson	Senate	DFL	37
Tim Kelly	House	Republican	21A
Tara Mack	House	Republican	57A
Carly Melin	House	DFL	6A
James Metzen	Senate	DFL	52
Kim Norton	House	DFL	25B
Julianne Ortman	Senate	Republican	47
John Pederson	Senate	Republican	14
Roger Reinert	Senate	DFL	7
Tim Sanders	House	Republican	37B
Bev Scalze	Senate	DFL	42
Yvonne Selcer	House	DFL	48A
Kathy Sheran	Senate	DFL	19
Katie Sieben	Senate	DFL	54
LeRoy Stumpf	Senate	DFL	1
Dave Thompson	Senate	Republican	58

Current House members seeking Senate seat

<u>LEGISLATOR</u>	<u>BODY</u>	<u>PARTY</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
Jason Isaacson	House	DFL	42B	Seeking endorsement in Senate District 42.
Carolyn Laine	House	DFL	41B	Seeking endorsement in Senate District 41.
Jerry Newton	House	DFL	37A	Seeking endorsement in Senate District 37.
Dan Schoen	House	DFL	54A	Seeking endorsement in Senate District 54.
Erik Simonson	House	DFL	7B	Seeking endorsement in Senate District 7. He plans to retire from the House.

Current Senate members seeking higher office

<u>LEGISLATOR</u>	<u>BODY</u>	<u>PARTY</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
Terri Bonoff	Senate	DFL	44	Seeking endorsement in the 3rd U.S. Congressional district.