

**Child Care Advisory Committee**  
**Legislative Notes**  
**April 18, 2023**

64	Requires the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services to notify the parents of children at a licensed child care facility when an instance of child abuse or neglect is substantiated.	Committee Hearing February 2nd; no further action has occurred
65	Requires the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services to identify child care licensing violations which are self-reported and those which are the result of a complaint. Also requires the Department to notify parents of disciplinary actions against a child care license holder.	Committee Hearing February 2nd; no further action has occurred
271	Defines the occupations and roles mandated to report observance or knowledge of child abuse and neglect. Requires training for mandatory reporters, including employees of schools, child care, religious organizations, institutions, facilities, or agencies.	Committee Hearing February 22nd; no further action has occurred
35	Extend the subsidy eligibility expansion, which expands subsidy eligibility of 130% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) to 185% FPL for initial application and 185% FPL to 200% FPL for redetermination.	Amended to AM1332;
318	Tax Credit for parent/guardian who child is enrolled in a licensed program or license-exempt subsidy program or is under a set poverty level would be eligible for a tax credit. Also, an individual/business who makes a donation to a licensed	Amended to AM906

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	and/or subsidy program will receive a tax credit.	

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**Introduced:**

A senator brings his or her idea for a new law to a bill drafter, who works with the senator to transform the idea into the proper legal form for a bill. Unlike some states, bills introduced in Nebraska may contain only one subject.

Most bills are introduced during the first 10 days of the legislative session which begins each January. In order to introduce a bill, a senator files it with the Clerk of the Legislature. The clerk reads the title of the bill into the record, assigns it a number and prints copies of it for public and legislative use.

The Legislative Fiscal Office prepares budget statements that estimate the anticipated change in state, county, or municipal expenses or revenue under the provisions of each bill. This statement is called a fiscal note. The fiscal note contains three estimates. One estimate is calculated by the fiscal office staff; another is prepared by the governor's budget office; and a third is prepared by the affected state agency. In addition, the fiscal office prepares appropriations bills ("A" bills), which accompany bills that have a fiscal impact.

**Committee:**

A nine-member Reference Committee then determines which bills will go to each one of the 14 standing committees. With the exception of a few technical bills, most bills introduced into the Legislature must receive a public hearing by a committee. At hearings, citizens have a chance to express their opinions to committee members. Testimony is recorded and transcribed to become a part of the official committee record.

After the hearing, committees may:

- Vote to send the bill to general file with or without amendments
- Indefinitely postpone the bill
- Take no action on it

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Go to the [Committees](#) portion of this site for more information on committee membership and the committee process.

**General File:**

General File is the first time the full Legislature has the opportunity to debate and vote on bills. At this stage, senators consider amendments, which may be proposed by committees and by individual senators. Many people consider General File to be the most crucial stage of the legislative process because it is where most compromises are reached. It takes a majority vote of the Legislature (25 votes) to adopt amendments or move a bill from General File to the next stage of consideration.