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COMMITTEE JURISDICTION AND OVERVIEW

The New York State Senate Standing Committee on Children and Families has legislative oversight responsibilities for issues concerning child abuse, adoptions, cults, custody and support, day care, foster care, neglect and visitation, juvenile delinquency, determination of need of supervision, and protective and preventive services.

During the 2020 Legislative Session, 113 bills were referred to the Committee for its review. Of these bills, 18 were reported from the Committee. Nine were passed by the Senate, and four passed in both houses. This work was conducted through a series of four committee meetings. A list of all bills that were reported from the committee is provided at the end of this report.

TWO HOUSE BILLS

In 2020, four of the 113 bills referred to the Standing Committee on Children and Families passed both houses of the Legislature. The Governor has signed all four of these bills.

Bill	Sponsor	Summary	Action
S222C	Benjamin	Relates to reporting of youth placed in foster care settings and recruitment of foster parents; requires information including the total number of youth placed in foster care, the reasons why such youth were placed and the efforts the state has taken to recruit and retain foster parents	Chapter 321
S6533	Montgomery	Relates to requiring the video recording of interrogations of juveniles in juvenile delinquency proceedings in family court (Office of Court Administration #20)	Chapter 299
S7926	Bailey	Relates to prohibiting a party to an order of protection from remotely controlling any connected devices affecting the home, vehicle or property of the person protected by such order	Chapter 261
S8421A	Persaud	Requires the office of children and family services to collect data on child welfare preventive services by local social services district and compile an annual report to be submitted to the governor and legislature	Chapter 329

Bill	Sponsor	Summary	Significant Action
S432A	Hoylman	Prevents a judge from prohibiting a parent from undergoing a gender reassignment when making a determination in a child custody case	Passed the Senate
S4004	Carlucci	Requires agencies to provide potential adoptive parents with information concerning state-funded benefits or services available once the foster child is adopted as well as those that expire upon adoption	Passed the Senate
S6214	Montgomery	Relates to adjournments in contemplation of dismissal and suspended judgments in child protective proceedings in the family court (Office of Court Administration #50)	Passed the Senate
S7930	Salazar	Eliminates the use of the term "incorrigible"	Passed the Senate
S8332	Persaud	Relates to defining the term kinship caregiver	Passed the Senate

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

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S432A	Hoylman	Prevents a judge from prohibiting a parent from undergoing a gender reassignment when making a determination in a child custody case	Passed the Senate
S753A	Montgomery	Directs the office of children and family services to study, make recommendations on and report on child day care and child care assistance and the availability of funding therefor	Reported to Finance
S1086B	Persaud	Relates to allowances for the costs, up to eighty dollars, of diapers for an eligible child, two years of age or younger	Reported to Finance
S3186A	Kennedy	Establishes "Brendan's law"; requires child day care centers and certain other facilities installing new or replacement window coverings to install cordless window coverings; requires child day care centers and certain other facilities that have window coverings in place before the effective date of this section to meet safety standards established in ANSI/WCMA A 100.1-2012 or any successor standard	Advanced to Third Reading
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S4074	Biaggi	Relates to the maximum age at which a homeless youth can continue to receive shelter services; raises the age from twenty-one to twenty-four	Reported to Finance
S5493	Montgomery	Limits co-payments for child care subsidies for families whose income is at or below the state income standard	Reported to Finance
S6023	Serrano	Relates to the provision of criminal history background checks free of charge to mentoring programs operated by not-for-profit corporations	Reported to Finance
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S7547	Montgomery	Directs the social services district to take no action to establish paternity or a child support order when the applicant or recipient for aid to dependent children has established good cause to refuse to cooperate	Advanced to Third Reading
S7773	Kennedy	Requires the office of children and family services to utilize a cost estimation model when determining the actual cost providers incur when providing child care and requires the office to prepare an annual report detailing such	Advanced to Third Reading

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S8470B	Montgomery	Authorizes former foster care youth who have been discharged from foster care to return to foster care placement during the COVID-19 state of emergency without requiring such children to file a motion authorizing their return to foster care placement and places a temporary moratorium on aging out of foster care during a state of emergency	Reported to Finance