



2024 End of Year Legislative Update: Committee on Children and the Law

We've come to the end of the 2024, with several actions taken by the Legislature and Executive that may be of interest to your committee. Please reach out to the GR team with any questions about any particular legislation of interest that you don't see on the following list. Any memoranda and letters drafted by the committee in support of or opposition to legislation were shared by the Government Relations team, and the team looks forward to working with the committee as we move into the 2025 legislative session.

Legislation of Interest

Signed by the Governor:

- A3580A(Hevesi)/S8745(Persaud): Relates to the subsidies that may be provided to a parent who adopts a disabled or hard-to-place child. The Committee's memo in support can be found [here](#).
- A10198(Hevesi)/S9424(Hoylman-Sigal): Relates to name changes of children. This bill will go into effect on the first day of April following enactment.
- A8484(Epstein)/S8084(Brisport): Relates to reporting of youth placed in foster care settings and recruitment of foster parents and repeals section two of chapter eleven of the laws of two thousand twenty-one. This act is effective immediately.
- A9505(McMahon)/S9015(Persaud): Relates to the establishment and modification of child support orders; requires the court to consider the specific circumstances of the parent. This bill is effective immediately.
- S3340(Mayer)/A5873(Lavine): Relates to the reporting of extreme risk protection orders. This act takes effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it becomes law – (120 days after 10/9/2024).
- S8010(Brisport)/A8487(Hevesi): Relates to the sealing and expungement of records in persons in need of supervision cases in family court.
- S8058(Hoylman-Sigal)/A8627(Bronson): Defines gender-affirming care for the purposes of certain prohibitions regarding the legal system and gender-affirming care.
- S9839(Hoylman-Sigal)/A10540(Dais): Increases the number of judges in certain courts. This bill is effective immediately. The Association's letter in support can be found [here](#).

Vetoed by the Governor:

- S8152-A(Brisport)/A8878-A(Hevesi): Relates to child care assistance under the child care block grant.

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- S1198-A(Rivera)/A10175(Paulin): Relates to a review of reimbursement adequacy for early intervention services.

Not Passed by the Legislature:

- A9000(Tapia): Establishes procedures regarding orders of post-termination visitation and/or contact between a child and such child's parent. This bill was not introduced in the Senate and had no movement in the Assembly.
- A3346-C(Hevesi)/S3170-C(Skoufis): Establishes "Kyra's Law"; to protect children by ensuring courts assess any risk to their safety in child custody and visitation proceedings. This bill was amended a number of times but had little movement in either house.
- A1156(Vanel)/S2303(Myrie): Precludes inadmissible statements made by defendants because of false information and requires data collection of recorded interrogations. This legislation did not move this session.
- A6289-B(Hevesi)/S3104-A(Brisport): Relates to the confidentiality and expungement of records in juvenile delinquency cases in the family court. This bill did not have much movement this session.
- A6872-C(Cruz)/S6341-C(Hoylman-Sigal): Criminalizes the harassment of a child; and establishes a private right of action for harassment of a child. This bill passed the Senate but did not make it out of committee on the Assembly.
- A6982(Gonzalez-Rojas)/S2674(Fernandez): Relates to the maximum age at which a homeless youth can continue to receive shelter services. This bill passed the Assembly but did not move past the rules committee in the Senate.
- A7680(McMahon)/S7446(Salazar): Relates to orders of protection in child abuse and neglect proceedings in family court. This bill passed the Assembly but did not move out of committee in the Senate.
- A8341(Solages)/ S7819(Persaud): Authorizes and directs the office of children and family services to conduct a study on the family assessment response program. This bill had no movement this session.
- A8923-A(Hevesi)/S1099-A(Bailey): Relates to procedures required for the custodial interrogation of children. This bill was ordered to third reading in the Assembly and committed to finance in the Senate, but did not pass either house. The committee's memo in support can be found [here](#).
- A10049(Hevesi)/S2120-A(Bailey): Relates to the discovery provisions applicable to juvenile delinquency proceedings in family court; repealer. This bill had some movement in both houses but did not pass either. Memo in support submitted by the committee can be found [here](#).
- S2084(Harckham): Prohibits certain forensic child custody evaluators from appearing as an expert witness in family court. This bill showed no movement this session.
- S7353-A(Brisport): Relates to the release of student education records to juvenile detention facilities. This bill passed the Senate but had no same-as in the Assembly.
- A109-B(Rosenthal L)/S320-B(Salazar): Prohibits drug, cannabis or alcohol testing and screening of pregnant or postpartum individuals and newborns. This bill was advanced to third reading in the Assembly but had little movement in the Senate.



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- S901-A(Brisport)/A1980-A(Walker): Requires child protective services to orally and in writing disclose certain information to parents and caretakers who are the subject of a child protective services investigation. This bill was referred to the rules committee in the Assembly but did not have much movement in the Senate. The memo in support submitted by the Association can be found [here](#).
- S902-B(Brisport)/A2479-A(Hevesi): Relates to the administration of the statewide central register of child abuse and maltreatment. This bill passed the Senate. It made it to third reading in the Assembly and was amended but did not pass. The memo in support submitted by the Association can be found [here](#).

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