



## 2024 State Legislative Update: Committee on Families 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:**

- A6026(Cunningham)/S6288(Hinchev): Enacts "Melanie's Law"; an act to amend the family court act and the criminal procedure law, in relation to orders of protection. This bill was signed by the Governor and will go into effect immediately.
- A3580-A(Hevesi)/S8745(Persaud): Relates to the subsidies that may be provided to a parent who adopts a disabled or hard-to-place child. This bill was signed by the Governor and will go into effect immediately.
- A5873(Lavine)/S3340(Mayer): Relates to the reporting of extreme risk protection orders. This bill was signed by the Governor and will go into effect in February 2025.
- S9839(Hoylman-Sigal)/A10540(Dais): Increases the number of judges in certain courts. This bill was signed by the Governor and will take effect immediately. The Associations letter in support can be found [here](#).
- 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 was signed by the Governor and will go into effect immediately.

#### **Not Passed by the Legislature:**

- 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.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 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.
- S2084(Harckham): Prohibits certain forensic child custody evaluators from appearing as an expert witness in family court.
- S8339-A(Mayer)/A10188(Walker): Establishes standards for public access to family court proceedings. This bill passed the Senate but had no movement in the Assembly.
- 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](#). The Association will be advocating for this issue as part of its 2025 priorities.
- 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](#).
- A2879(Magnarelli): Relates to the issuance of additional orders of protection when reviewing an extreme risk protection order. This bill showed no movement in the Assembly and did not have a same-as in the Senate.

Updates on Association policy can be found on the Government Relations page [here](#).

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