



### **2025 State Legislative Update: Committee on Children and the Law**

We've come to the end of the 2025 Legislative Session, with several actions taken by the Legislature 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 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 second half of 2025.

#### **Legislation of Interest**

##### **Passed by the Legislature:**

- A744(Hevesi)/S5242(Brisport): Relates to collecting data regarding alternative living arrangements for children who are at a substantial risk of maltreatment. The committee [supported this bill with a memo](#). This legislation will go to the Governor for signature or veto before the end of the year.
- A5206(Reyes)/S2295(Bailey): Requires training regarding sexual assault for police officers and child protective services workers. This bill will go to the Governor for signature or veto by the end of the year.
- A8297(Lunsford)/S8374(Persaud): Establishes a pilot program to provide alternative dispute resolution and navigator services in child support matters. This bill will go to the Governor for signature or veto by the end of the year.
- A8572(McMahon)/S8382(Ryan): Relates to orders of protection in child abuse and neglect proceedings in family court. This bill will go to the Governor for signature or veto by the end of the year.
- A8890(Burroughs)/S8196(Hoylman-Sigal): Relates to judges presiding over designated youth parts. This bill will go to the Governor for signature or veto by the end of the year.
- S8197(Brisport)/A8271(Davila): Relates to the right to counsel in certain family court proceedings. This bill will go to the Governor for signature or veto before the end of the year.

##### **Not Passed:**

- A68(Hevesi)/S4353(Bailey): Relates to the discovery provisions applicable to juvenile delinquency proceedings in family court; repealer. The committee [submitted a memo in support of this bill](#). It did not show any movement in either house.
- S3938-A(Hoylman-Sigal)/A65-A(Hevesi): Relates to the establishment of a statewide supervised visitation initiative to support safe and structured parenting time. This bill passed the Assembly and showed some movement in the Senate, but did not pass. The committee submitted a [memo in support of this bill](#).

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- A735(Hevesi): Expands the age range eligibility for the rent subsidy payable to a foster child living independently. The committee submitted a [memo in support of this bill](#). It was not introduced in the Senate and did not show any movement in the Assembly.
- S878-B(Bailey)/A2620-A(Hevesi): Relates to procedures required for the custodial interrogation of children. This legislation passed the Assembly and showed some movement in the Senate but did not pass. This bill is supported by NYSBA policy – the Association [submitted a memo in support](#).
- A312(Paulin)/S3867(Hoylman-Sigal): Relates to requiring orders of custody to state whether law enforcement is authorized to remove a child or children. This bill did not move in either house.
- A1036(Kim)/S3660(Hoylman-Sigal): Relates to referrals for child support enforcement for foster care maintenance payments. This bill passed the Senate, but did not move in the Assembly.
- A1790(Simon)/S4789(Sanders): Relates to training requirements for attorneys appointed to represent a child in certain proceedings. This bill did not move in either house.
- A1905(Paulin)/S2089(Kavanagh): Allows access to juvenile delinquency records for the purposes of a firearm background check and authorizes the denial of a firearm license for applicants under thirty who committed certain offenses as a juvenile. This bill did not move in either house.
- A2441(Hevesi)/S3048(Brisport): Relates to the confidentiality and expungement of records in juvenile delinquency cases in the family court. This bill showed some movement in both houses, but did not pass in either.
- A2582(Hevesi)/S1650-A(Fernandez): Provides for support and services for unaccompanied minors with no lawful immigration status. This bill did not pass either house.
- A3269(Vanel)/S1860(Myrie): Precludes inadmissible statements made by defendants because of false information and requires data collection of recorded interrogations. This bill did not pass either house.
- A3595-A(Bichotte Hermelyn)/S6273-A(Bailey): Authorizes and directs the commissioner of education to conduct a study on the number of children who are caregivers and how being a caregiver impacts their education. This bill passed the Senate and was ordered to third-reading in the Assembly but did not pass.
- A4392(O'Pharrow)/S4245(Parker): Establishes the independent office of the child advocate. This bill did not show movement in either house.
- A5143(Dinowitz): Relates to court ordered forensic evaluations and reports in child custody and visitation proceedings. This bill was not introduced in the Senate and did not move in the Assembly.
- A6194-B(Hevesi)/S5998-B(Skoufis): Establishes “Kyra’s Law”. This bill passed the Senate and showed some movement in the Assembly, but did not pass.
- A7414(Bores)/S3885(Salazar): Prohibits segregated confinement of children in a detention facility. This bill did not show movement in either house.

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- A8304(Lavine): Relates to adjournments in contemplation of dismissal and suspended judgments in child protective proceedings in the family court. This bill showed some movement in the Assembly but was not introduced in the Senate.
- S3718(Lanza): Relates to visitation and custody rights involving non-U.S. citizens. This bill was not introduced in the Assembly and did not move in the Senate.

See [here](#) for NYSBA's Government Relation's update for the 2025 legislative session.

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