



2025 State Legislative Update: Family Law Section

We've come to the end of the 2025 Legislative year, with several actions taken by the Legislature and the Governor that may be of interest to your section. 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 section in support or opposition to legislation were shared by the Government Relations team, and the team looks forward to working with the section as we move into the 2026 legislative session.

Legislation of Interest

Chaptered or Vetoed by the Governor:

- A744(Hevesi)/S5242(Brisport): Relates to collecting data regarding alternative living arrangements for children who are at a substantial risk of maltreatment. The Committee on Children and the Law [supported this bill with a memo](#). This legislation was vetoed by the Governor.
- S1261-A(Krueger)/A3392-A(Lavine): Allows for no fault separation. This bill was chaptered by the Governor and will go into effect February of 2026.
- S8374(Persaud)/A8297(Lunsford): Establishes a pilot program to provide alternative dispute resolution and navigator services in child support matters. This bill was chaptered by the Governor and will go into effect September 2026.
- A8572(McMahon)/S8382(Ryan): Relates to orders of protection in child abuse and neglect proceedings in family court. This bill was chaptered by the Governor and will go into effect February 2026.
- S4914-B(Hoylman-Sigal)/A5480-C(Bronson): Protects individuals who provide or receive legally protected health activity from criminal or civil liability or professional sanctions imposed by jurisdictions outside the state; repealer. The FLS submitted a [memo in support](#) of this bill in the 2024 legislative session. This bill was chaptered by the Governor and will go into effect immediately.
- A8298(Carroll P)/S8176(Persaud): Relates to the time-limit for appeals in all categories of family court cases. This bill will go to the Governor for signature or veto before the end of the year.
- A8407(Lavine)/S8198(Brisport): Relates to requiring certain records checks in child custody proceedings; repealer. This bill was chaptered by the Governor and will go into effect March 2026.
- S8197(Brisport)/A8271(Davila): Relates to the right to counsel in certain family court proceedings. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.

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- A1944(Paulin)/S3765(Hoylman-Sigal): Relates to birth certificates for foreign adoptions. This bill was chaptered by the Governor and will go into effect December 2025.
- A8299(Lavine)/S8270(Webb): Relates to automatic orders in matrimonial actions. The FLS submitted [a memo in support](#) of this bill. It was chaptered by the Governor and will go into effect January 2026.
- S1652(Bailey)/A7265(Pretlow): Authorizes a court to direct filing of non-family offense order of protection with the computerized registry for such orders and warrants. This bill was chaptered by the Governor and will go into effect October 2026.

Not Passed:

- 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 on Children and the Law submitted a [memo in support of this bill](#).
- 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](#).
- S551(Brisport)/A1234(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 is supported by NYSBA policy – the Association submitted [a memo in support](#).
- 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.

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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.
- S2597(Mayer)/A7368(Walker): Establishes standards for public access to family court proceedings. This bill passed the Senate but did not move in the Assembly.

See [here](#) for NYSBA's Government Relation's End of Year Legislative Update.

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