Legislative Updates  
(as of May 4, 2022)

- **2022 Bill Updates**
  - H.B. No. 986 H.D. 1 S.D. 2
    - Requires diagnostic audiological evaluation of newborn hearing and screening evaluations, or infants whose hearing status changes, to be provided to the DOH.
  - H.B. No. 987 H.D. 1 S.D. 1
    - Amends the hearing and vision program statute to increase the early identification of children with hearing or vision loss, by establishing consistent protocols for hearing and vision screening and follow-up, screener training, and data collection for quality improvement.
  - H.B. No. 2000 H.D. 1 S.D. 1 C.D. 1
    - Appropriates $200 million to the School Facilities Authority to expand access to pre-kindergarten to eligible children of the State.
  - S.B. No. 2819 S.D. 2 H.D. 2 C.D. 1
    - Repeals section 302A-624(c) and section 302A-627(a) to promote equitable teacher compensation.
  - S.B. No. 2700 S.D. 2 H.D. 1 C.D. 1
    - Allows the DHS to require all staff in licensed and registered child care programs in the State to annually update their information in the early childhood registry, which may include: gender, race, age, paid years of experience, preferred learning languages, languages spoken with children, median hourly wage, paid planning time, health insurance, paid sick leave, paid vacation, retirement benefits, participation in an apprenticeship program, level of education, and training hours.
  - S.B. No. 3110 S.D. 2 H.D. 1 C.D. 1
    - Renames the preschool grant program and authorizes the child care grant program special fund to be used to give grants to child care facilities.
  - S.B. No. 2482 S.D. 1 H.D. 1 C.D. 1
    - Appropriates $894,528 to establish a temporary Office of Wellness and Resilience and authorizes the office to address issues and implement solutions to improve wellness and resilience, including those identified by the trauma-informed care taskforce, established pursuant to Act 209, SLH 2021.
  - H.B. No. 1600 H.D. 1 S.D. 2 C.D. 1
    - Adjusts appropriations for fiscal biennium 2021-2023. EOEL’s budget remains intact, and adds a $100,000 ceiling appropriation for the Early Childhood Educator Special Fund.
2022 Resolution Updates

- HR62
  - designates September as child care provider appreciation month

- SR210 / HR93
  - Requests the ELB to prepare a report containing a road map for the implementation of Act 046, SLH 2020, 20 days prior to the 2023 session.

- SR7
  - Requests the LRB to conduct a feasibility study on universal pre-k program.

- SR30
  - Requests the ELB to evaluate and report to the Legislature regarding the board’s composition and charter and to develop a strategic plan.

2022 Legislative Deadlines to Note

- May 5, 2022 was sine die.
- If a bill is sent to the Governor before April 18, 2022, it becomes law if he signs it or neither signs nor vetoes the bill within 10 days. If the governor vetoes the bill within 10 days, the bill does not become law unless the Legislature reconsiders the bill before sine die and overrides the veto by a 2/3 vote in each chamber.
- If a bill is sent to the Governor after April 19, 2022, it becomes law if he signs or neither signs nor vetoes it by July 12, 2022.
- If the Governor intends to veto a bill, the Governor must inform the Legislature by June 27, 2022 and deliver the veto by July 12, 2022. If it is vetoed, it does not become law unless the Legislature successfully overrides the veto in special session by a 2/3 vote in each chamber, which must be convened at or before noon on July 12, 2022.