

A 2025-2026 Snapshot of: MCSW Legislative Priorities

Healthcare

S.340/H.656

Sen. Becca Rausch
Rep. James O'Day
Rep. Vanna Howard

An Act Relative to Healthy Youth

This bill will ensure that only sex and relationship education that is medically accurate, age appropriate, and inclusive is taught in Massachusetts Public Schools.

H.1380

Rep. John Lawn
Rep. Marjorie Decker

An Act relative to healthcare industry recruitment and education for the 21st Century

This bill aims to expand the primary and behavioral healthcare workforce by creating a council for inclusive planning and establishing a fund to promote healthcare careers from K-12 through higher education.

S.1485/H.2401

Sen. Joanne Comerford
Rep. Mindy Domb
Rep. Kimberly Ferguson

An Act Providing for Safe and Consensual Sensitive Examinations

This bill prevents pelvic examinations on patients under anesthesia without written confirmation and allows a third-party witness to be present.

S.860/H.1405

Sen. James Eldridge
Rep. Lindsay Sabadosa
Rep. Margarey Scarsdale

An Act establishing Medicare for all in Massachusetts

This bill would guarantee equitable health care access for every resident of the Commonwealth through the Massachusetts Health Care Trust, a single payer for all medically necessary care. The Act will provide continuous access to health care services, without the current need for repeated re-enrollments or changes when employers choose new plans and residents change jobs.

H.3826

Rep. Shirley Arriaga

Resolve to study women veterans and the long-term effects of combat on motherhood

This resolve would establish a special legislative commission to study women veterans and the long-term effects of combat on motherhood.

H.2499

Rep. Joan Meschino

Menopause Awareness Bill: An Act pertaining to women's health and awareness of the transitional stage of menopause and related chronic conditions

The goal of this bill is to increase awareness of menopause for patients, clinicians, and employers. Through the development of educational tools and in collaboration with the Commissioner of the DPH.

S.1549/H.2483

Sen. Patricia Jehlen
Rep. Jay Livingstone
Rep. Christine Barber

An Act to Increase Access to Disposable Menstrual Products

Also known as the I AM Bill, this bill would provide access to free menstrual products to all menstruating individuals in schools, shelters, and prisons.

Childcare & Caregiving

S.886/H.1394

Sen. Joan B. Lovely
Rep. James O'Day

An Act relative to family members serving as caregivers

Allows for family members, power of attorneys, adult children of patient(s), and other legally liable family to be compensated for their care.

S.341/H.542

Sen. Sal DiDomenico
Rep. Marjorie Decker

An Act expanding access to family, friend, and neighbor-provided childcare

The bill forms an advisory committee representing "Family, Friend and Neighbor Care" which will then work to create a payment structure for FFN caregivers, allowing families with vouchers to pay for services.

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Government Access and Transparency

S.2160/H.3398

Sen. Jason Lewis
Rep. Tram Nguyen
Rep. Dawne Shand

Parity on Boards: An Act to ensure gender parity and racial and ethnic diversity on public boards and commissions

An Act to Promote Diversity on Public Boards and Commissions would work to promote diversity in leadership and governance that broadly reflects the demographics of our Commonwealth.

H.3328

Rep. Tricia Farley-Bouvier
Rep. Mindy Domb

An Act Relative to Virtual Meetings Of Appointed Statewide Public Bodies

This bill expands remote participation for members appointed to public bodies by setting the standard that members who participate remotely must be audible and able to connect with the public through telephone or other technological means.

S.2205

Sen. Becca Rausch

An Act updating the Open Meeting Law to support remote participation

This legislation would extend remote participation in the open meeting law. Through State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, this supports a permanent hybrid set up for any public body meeting by ensuring that any documents must be released ahead of time with no fees for participation.

S.1119/H.1922

Sen. Cindy F. Friedman
Rep. Tram T. Nguyen

Capital Equity Bill: An Act relative to Fair Investment Practices

This bill would promote better access for women and minorities to entrepreneurial funding and add protections for those engaging in private funding contracts. These added protections will help women and minorities from being discriminated against with no punishment to the firms.

S.1651/H.2608

Sen. Cynthia Stone Creem
Rep. Brandy Fluker-Reid

An Act Relative to Human Rights and Improved Outcomes for Incarcerated People

This bill will establish universal baseline standards for every person incarcerated in Massachusetts state prisons, county jails. Instead of focusing on a culture of punishment, this bill seeks to shift correctional priorities to rehabilitation and re-entry, setting standards for out-of-cell time and opportunities to attend education, training, employment, and other rehabilitation programs.

S.197

Sen. Cynthia Stone Creem

An Act to protect safety and privacy by stopping the sale of location data

This bill prohibits the collection of user location data without consent and ensures an easy opt-out process for targeted advertising.

MCSW Technical Filings

H.3433

Rep. David Vieira
Rep. Hadley Luddy

An Act Relative to the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women

Technical Amendment to enabling language to allow for the MCSW Trust Fund to earn interest and to change the MCSW's Annual Reporting Deadline to July 31.

S.1464/H.2313

Rep. Patrick O'Connor
Rep. Joan Meschino

An Act Relative to the Regional Commissions on the Status of Women

Technical Amendment to enabling language to remove the town of Hull from the Eastern Regional Commission's geographic boundary.

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