

Committee agendas ramped up a bit this week however, overviews have continued. Expect hearings on bills to really ramp up starting next week. We are all awaiting the Governor to release his budget recommendations February 19. Once that is presented to the Legislature, and the release of the February forecast February 29, work will really ramp up.

Senate Republicans will welcome a new member to their caucus next week. The special election race that was triggered by former DFL Senator Tony Lourey's appointment as a commissioner of Health and Human Services was decided Tuesday. Republican State Representative Jason Rarick won Tuesday's special election. This flipped seat now gives the Republicans a two-seat majority in the Senate.

Committees Hearings - Week in Review

The [Senate E12 Finance and Policy](#) is heard a number of bills relating to dyslexia. Among them is a requirement to screen for dyslexia and a bill for dyslexia training for teachers.

The [House Early Childhood Finance and Policy Division](#) heard overview from MDE on ECFE, Early Childhood Screening, and School Readiness programs and reviewed the OLA early learning evaluation.

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Committees Hearings - The Week Ahead

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The [House Early Education Finance and Policy](#) is scheduled to hear a [bill](#) to increase school districts for the cost of early childhood screening. MCEA and MNAFEE will both be testifying in support of this legislation. If you are interested in attending this hearing, the committee meets from 8:00-9:30 in Room 120 of the State Capitol.

Bill Tracking

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