



FRCOG Community Health Priority Legislation – March 2026 status report

Children and Families Legislation

- [HB1593 - An Act protecting minors from the creation of computer-generated child sexual abuse visual materials](#) and [S1174 /2663- An Act protecting minors from the creation of computer-generated child sexual abuse visual materials](#)
Status: Judiciary Committee hearing 6/17/25, sent to Senate Ways and Means. House bill dead.
Action needed: Bring to floor vote of full senate, on to House (CHIP email sent 3/10)
- [HB3159 - An Act supporting family caregivers](#)
Status: Assigned to Joint Committee on Revenue, extension ordered to 3/18/26
Action needed: report it out or extend it again. (CHIP email sent 3/10)
- Cluster of Cell-Phone Free Schools Bills
Status: Joint Committee on Education hearing held and a new version that combines parts of the above bills was sent to Senate, which passed it. Final version: [SB2561](#) and [SB2581 - An Act to promote student learning and mental health](#). Awaiting action in the House on H.4745
Testimony Submitted: [FRCOG Oral Testimony](#) (video, testimony begins at 3:39:25)
Action needed: Encourage House Leadership to take it up.
- [S1124 - An Act to remove collateral consequences and protect the presumption of innocence](#)
Status: Judiciary Committee held a hearing 6/3/25, reported it out favorably and sent it to Senate Ways and Means Committee.
Testimony Submitted: [FRCOG Written Testimony](#)
Action needed: Bring to floor vote of full Senate, on to House (CHIP email sent 3/10)
- [S.1114- An Act requiring clean slate automated record sealing](#)
Status: Judiciary Committee [Hearing](#) held 9/9, sent to Senate Ways and Means.
Testimony Submitted: [FRCOG Written Testimony](#)
Action needed: Bring to floor vote of full Senate, on to House (CHIP email sent 3/10)
- [SB1166 - An Act relative to enhancing hiring practices to prevent sexual abuse](#)
Status: Assigned to Judiciary Committee, hearing held 6/17/25. Bill sent to study (killed).
Testimony Submitted: An email was sent to the Committee

Digital Equity Legislation:

- [HB100 - An Act establishing a commission to study a statewide credentialing program for digital navigators](#)

Status: Assigned to Joint Committee on IT, the Internet, and Cybersecurity. Hearing held 7/10/25, new draft (H4596) 10/14, reported out favorably sent to House Ways and Means

Testimony Submitted: [FRCOG Written Testimony](#)

Action needed: bring to full House for a vote, then on to Senate

- **[HB3527- An Act preserving broadband service for low-income consumers](#) and [SB2318 - An Act preserving broadband service for low-income consumers](#)**

Status: House Bill is in Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy hearing held 5/6/25. Extension order filed to 3/18/26. Related Senate bill in Senate Ways and Means. Testimony

Submitted: [FRCOG Written Testimony](#)

Action needed: report out or extend in House; bring to full Senate vote. (CHIP email sent 3/11)

Farm and Food Legislation

- Cluster of Hemp and Cannabis bills

Status: Joint Committee on Cannabis Policy hearing held 5/7/25. Merged into new omnibus cannabis bill with dozens of other bills: **[HB160 - An Act to promote equity joint venture partnerships](#)**. And **[HB4187 - An Act modernizing the Commonwealth's cannabis laws](#)** Passed

House and sent to Senate. Link to final bill: [HB4206](#)

Testimony submitted: [FRCOG Oral Testimony](#)

Action needed: Senate bring to vote (did not send email. This version does not address the Hemp-derived THC issues that we were concerned about)

- **[HB222 - An Act relative to an agricultural healthy incentives program](#) and [SB104 An Act relative to an agricultural healthy incentives program](#)**

Status: Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities sent to House and Senate Ways and Means

Action needed: bring to full House and Senate for votes (CHIP email sent 3/10)

- **[HB900 - An Act protecting drinking water quality in private wells](#)**

Status: Assigned to Joint Committee on Environment & Natural Resources, hearing held 6/3/25, bill extended to 3/18/26).

Testimony Submitted: [FRCOG Written Testimony](#)

Action needed: report out or extend again (CHIP email sent 3/10)

- **[SB55 - An Act fostering agricultural resilience in Massachusetts](#)**

Status: Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries [Hearing](#) held 9/16/25, reported out favorably.

New version substituted 12/31/25. Currently in Senate and House Ways and Means

Action needed: Bring to floor vote of full Senate, on to House (CHIP email sent 3/10)

- **[SB2802 - An Act protecting our soil, farms and food from PFAS contamination](#)**

Status: Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries [Hearing](#) held 9/16/25, reported out favorably.

New version substituted 12/31/25. Currently in Senate Ways and Means

Action needed: Bring to floor vote of full Senate, on to House (CHIP email sent 3/10)