

2019 General Assembly

Family Law and Related Bills

This table **shows** selected bills filed in the 2019 General Assembly. *Green indicates a bill passed.* The list is organized by topics, as follows:

How to use: To jump to a topic, click on the links above. To see the Legislative Research Commission summary of a bill and check its status, click the bill number.

To see the text of the bill and amendments, click the links in the summary. For a complete list of bills, view the legislature's own website [here](#).

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Topic	Bill #	Sponsor	Summary
Access	HB 397	Bowling	Require sheriffs and constables to charge and collect a fee of \$60 from any person requesting the service of the sheriff or constable; details
Access	SB 114	McGarvey	Omnibus notary bill: allow notary public to perform notarial act by means of communication technology; require act to be evidenced by certificate; more
Civil Rights	SB 150	Smith	Allow concealed deadly weapons to be carried without a license in same locations where concealed carry license holders may carry them
Criminal	SB 70	Kerr	Create crime of strangulation as Class D felony; include as one of the offenses considered domestic and dating violence and abuse; details
Employment	HB 41	Jenkins	Fair scheduling: require employers to give written good-faith estimate of work schedule at time of hire, post weekly schedules 7 days in advance; more
Employment	HB 42	Jenkins	Prohibit employers from discharging or retaliating against employee crime victim who takes leave to attend proceedings associated with crime; details
Employment	HB 47	Cantrell	Paid sick leave: require employers to provide earned paid sick leave to employees; allow use after being employed 90 days; details
Employment	HB 48	Cantrell	Maternity leave: require employers of 50 or more to provide 6 weeks paid maternity leave for workers employed for at least 1 year; details
Employment	SB 18	Kerr	Pregnant Workers Act: include in "reasonable accommodation" accommodations made for pregnancy, childbirth, and related medical conditions

Family	HB 2	Fugate	Establish custodial, permanency, and service option assistance for relatives and fictive kin caregivers; cover respite care for fictive kin in KinCare
Family	HB 68	Fugate	Kinship and Fictive Kin Care: establish program; set benefit of \$300+ a month per child for caregivers with permanent custody; appropriate \$35M
Family	HB 108	Fischer	Require circuit clerks to copy and certify every will or authenticated copy admitted to court for recording, with original or copy to remain with clerk for 2 years
Family	HB 158	Meade	Child protection: update definition of "voluntary and informed consent" to adoption; establish a foster child bill of rights; more re fictive kin, child care
Family	HB 160	Petrie	Allow individual employed by religious organization to refuse to provide foster care or adoption services in violation of sincerely held religious belief; more
Family	HB 169	Goforth	Specify that person found in custody, visitation or probate proceeding to have committed rape shall not have custody, visitation, or inheritance rights to child
Family	HB 221	Cantrell	Establish rights of blind parents in the context of child welfare, foster care, family law, and adoption; details
Family	HB 312	Riley	Amend best interest factors for child custody to emphasize educational stability as a primary factor; require finding in DNA, protective orders
Family	HB 376	Raymond	Extreme risk protective orders: allow petition for 1-year orders if significant danger of physical injury; provide for confiscation of firearms
Family	HB 415	Prunty	Create new calculation methods for child support obligations when shared parenting is ordered; update guidelines table
Family	HB 446	Meade	Establish that foster parent shall be a party in action for involuntary TPR; establish new factors in TPR re neonatal abstinence, multiple removals
Family	HB 462	Kulkarni	Create crimes of possession of firearm by convicted domestic abuser and by subject of a domestic violence protective order; more
Family	HB 479	Elliott	Create Guardianship Trust fund at CHFS; transfer unclaimed funds from estates; use funds for temporary housing costs, personal needs; details
Family	HB 491	Massey	Custody: when agreed to by the parties, allow court to assign a parenting coordinator to implement custodial or visitation terms; set qualifications
Family	SB 31	Alvarado	Child protection: provide for frequent visitation between siblings removed from home but not jointly placed

Family	SB 53	R. Thomas	Establishment Kinship Care program; include fictive kin; set minimum \$300 per month per child benefit; extend respite care to fictive kin; details
Family	SB 152	West	Parents Rights Act: establish specific rights of parents
Family	SB 177	Adams	Require surrender of firearms by people subject to protective orders or convicted of specified crimes; Class A misdemeanor for violation
Family	SB 180	Adams	Require that firearms in adoptive and foster care home placements are stored in a manner to prevent children from accessing them
Family	SB 196	Castlen	Adoption: make informed consent to place a child for adoption final and irrevocable 72 hours after it is signed; more
Family	SB 198	Wise	Allow grandparent whose child has died or had their parental rights terminated to seek visitation after adoption by another grandparent or a step-parent
Family	SB 244	McGarvey	Extreme risk protective orders: allow petition in District Court for 1-year orders if significant danger physical injury; provide for confiscation of firearms
Family	SJR 38	Girdler	Direct DOE to develop instructional materials on how to recognize and report child abuse and neglect; observe Child Abuse Prevention Day April 6
Family	SCR 106	West	Urge Congress to propose the Parental Rights Amendment to the states for ratification
Health	HB 378	Meade	Allow outpatient mental health counseling for child age 16 or older upon request of child without the consent of a parent; more re homeless children
Health	SB 49	R. Thomas	Establish that a mother breast-feeding or expressing milk in any location, public or private, shall report a violation of right to do so to health department; fines
Health	SB 84	Buford	Establish Certified Professional Midwives Advisory Council; set scope of authority and responsibility for licensed certified professional midwife; details
Public Assistance	HB 3	Osborne	Public assistance: prescribe use of TANF funds; extend work activity requirements; require SNAP photo IDs; implement drug testing; more