

2026 Legislative Session MCPA Update

Week of May 4

Overview

With just over a week remaining in the legislative biennium, the Minnesota Legislature is entering its final and most intense stretch before the mandatory adjournment deadline of 11:59 p.m. on May 17. All major legislative business must be completed before the clock strikes midnight, setting up a fast-paced week of negotiations, floor sessions, and conference committee work.

Key questions remain unresolved, including whether a bonding bill can win approval in both chambers and whether lawmakers will agree on a financial rescue plan for Hennepin County Medical Center. Beginning Monday, the House will convene daily until adjournment sine die, meeting at 11 a.m. Monday through Friday, noon on Saturday, and 1 p.m. on Sunday. Conference committees are expected to meet throughout the week as legislators work to reconcile differences between House and Senate proposals, though fewer committees than usual are anticipated because of the limited number of budget bills advanced by the House this session. The Ways and Means Committee may also meet as needed in the final days of negotiations. Looking ahead to the close of session, the House is scheduled to reconvene at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 18, to begin retirement speeches.

Legislative Activity of Interest

Senate

Senate Floor

5/4 Special Orders

The Senate took up the omnibus firearms bill on Monday that comes in response to the 2025 summer tragedies of the murder of Mark and Melissa Hortman and the Annunciation Catholic School shooting. The bill includes stricter criteria for ownership and the sale of semiautomatic military-style assault weapon or large-capacity magazine, certification of ownership of semiautomatic military-style assault weapons and large-capacity magazine, prohibits possession of ghost guns, creates a statewide anonymous threats reporting system for in schools, and reenacts the ban on binary triggers.

[SF4067](#) (Mohamed) Omnibus Firearms Bill. Passed (Y34 – N33)

5/5 Procedurally

The Senate received [HF1082](#) the House Public Safety Omnibus Finance Bill, from the House. The bill was introduced and received its first reading. The next day, the bill received its second reading and was laid on the table to be taken up at a later date.

House

House Floor

5/4 House Calendar for the Day

Late Monday evening, the House passed their public safety supplemental budget bill. The legislation included an additional \$2.12 million that will go to the Philando Castile Memorial Training Fund, bringing the fund allocation to \$6 million a year for the next two years.

[HF1082](#) the House Public Safety Omnibus Finance Bill. Passed (Y126-N7) as amended, by the House late Monday; its next stop is the Senate.

- [A21 Amendment](#) (Stier) to establish a task force to establish statewide network funding for public safety radio communication infrastructure. Adopted
- [A18 Amendment](#) (Duran) to provide personal information protections for public safety officers. It matches a [2024 law](#) that prohibits the dissemination of certain personal information regarding judges and court staff. Adopted

5/7 Ways and Means Agenda

On Thursday, the House Ways and Means Committee heard the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement's omnibus bill. Most notably, the bill includes a provision ([Article 12, section 2](#)) that would create a working group to recommend legislation that would (1) reform duty disability for members of the PERA P&F plan; and (2) ensure that members of the PERA P&F plan who become duty disabled or retire have access to affordable health insurance coverage until Medicare eligibility.

[HF4074](#) (Lillie) Pensions and Retirement Omnibus Bill

- [DE2 Amendment](#). Adopted
- [A8 Amendment to the DE2 Amendment](#). Adopted

Below are the following needs that have led to the establishment of the Duty Disability and Public Safety Officer's Benefit Account:

- (1) the public safety officer's benefit account is anticipated to be depleted by 2028 based on information provided by the Department of Management and Budget;
- (2) the rate of approval by the Public Employees Retirement Association of duty disability applications is approximately 100 percent;
- (3) since only one annual report has been filed by the commissioner of public safety under Minnesota Statutes, section 299A.42, subdivision 2, and the report contains minimal information on reimbursements in the categories for treatment, salary, fringe benefits, and health care insurance, it is not possible to use this report to determine trends, per member reimbursements, or related information;
- (4) waiting until May 20, 2027, to receive the report from the executive director of the Public Employees Retirement Association under Minnesota Statutes, section 353.032, subdivision 11, regarding the impact on public safety duty disability trends and costs is too late to allow for a legislative solution if trends indicate psychological condition treatment is not resulting in P&F plan members being able to return to work, rather than take a leave of absence for duty disability;
- (5) minimal information is available regarding whether police officers and firefighters who retire under the P&F plan before age 65 are able to obtain health insurance coverage at a reasonable cost until age 65 when Medicare is available and whether there are options available to them to obtain adequate coverage;
- (6) the over 100 percent increase in the cost of duty disability benefits as reflected in the change between the 2024 actuarial valuation of the P&F plan and the 2025 actuarial valuation and the effect of this increase on the overall health of the P&F plan; and
- (7) to determine how to formulate solutions to the foregoing, legislators and other decision-makers need a better understanding of the interaction of workers' compensation, the availability and cost of health insurance coverage upon retirement or reemployment, the

application process for and amount of duty disability benefits, the ability of public employers to continue to offer health insurance coverage to duty disabled and retired employees, and federally provided benefits for public safety officers.

Public Safety Policy Conference Committee

Friday morning a joint conference committee met to finalize the public safety policy package. The joint committee was made up of three senators (Latz, Limmer, and Oumou Verbeten) and four representatives (Moller, Feist, Novotny, and Witte) all appointed by their respective chambers. The conference committee released a [side by side document](#) that compares the Senate and House versions of the policy omnibus bill that passed each chamber. The committee then walked through each section and adopted either the House or Senate language. The committee finished their work and a finalized conference committee report will be produced that reflects the agreed on language by all conferees. The final report will then need to pass the House and Senate before making its way to the governor’s desk to be signed into law. Unlike most legislation, conference committee reports cannot be altered or amended in any way once adopted and signed by the appointed conferees. The final report has yet to be released.

Next Week’s Floor Schedule

Senate

The Senate has released the following schedule for Monday with bills of interest to MCPA.

Monday, May 11

11:00 AM—floor session

Returning from the House--motion to concur expected:

[SF856](#) (Gustafson) Office of the Inspector General creation and appropriation

Special Orders:

[SF3699](#) (Latz) Omnibus Immigration Enforcement and Civil Remedies

House

The House has released the following schedule for Monday.

Monday, May 11

11:00 AM—floor session

Calendar for the Day:

[SF476](#) (Noor) Omnibus Human Services Policy Bill

[HF4546](#) (Noor) Department of Human Services and Department of Children, Youth, and Families forecasted program adjustments

[HF1695](#) (Koznick) Metropolitan Council; special transportation service forecast adjustments made

MCPA Legislation of Interest

Supplemental Funding for the Philando Castile Memorial Training Fund

[HF4700](#) (Stier) / [SF4899](#) (Seeberger)

- The amended House language included in the [Public Safety Omnibus Finance Bill](#) increases funding for the Philando Castile Memorial Training Fund from \$4.9 million to \$6 million each year.

Status:

- House: Included in the [Public Safety Omnibus Finance Bill](#)
- Senate: Prepared to be taken up in the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee

Enhanced Penalties For Illegal Firearm Possession

[HF 4699](#) (Stier) / [SF 4910](#) (Howe)

1. Enhance the crime of illegal possession of a firearm from a gross misdemeanor to a felony
2. Establish enhanced penalties for illegal gun possession or use if the violation is committed by a person in a school zone, park zone, or public housing zone
3. Increase penalties for violent felons in possession of firearms and for straw purchases and illegal sales of firearms from licensed gun dealers

Status:

- House: Prepared to be taken up by the Public Safety Committee
- Senate: Prepared to be taken up by the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee

Revisions to the Extreme Risk Protection Orders Statute

[HF 3658](#) (Frazier) / [SF 4703](#) (Latz)

1. Removes the requirement for agencies to compensate for confiscated or surrendered firearms
2. Allows for the immediate seizure of firearms when a non-emergency ERPO is served with a search warrant
3. Allows for orders issued after the hearing to be served on the respondent electronically or by first class mail, rather than by person

Status:

- House: Passed through committees of jurisdiction with bipartisan support and is prepared to be taken up on the House floor
- Senate: Passed through committees of jurisdiction and is prepared to be taken up on the Senate floor

Increase in Penalty for Impersonating a Peace Officer

[HF 3404](#) (Klevorn) / [SF 3735](#) (Hoffman)

1. Increases the criminal penalty for impersonating a peace officer
2. Establishes a crime of impersonating a peace officer while possessing a firearm
3. Establishes enhanced penalties for persons presenting as peace officers
4. Requires licensed peace officers to fulfill duty to identify when requested

Status:

- House: PASSED the House floor on 4/23 with full support with all 134 votes. Also included in the [Public Safety Omnibus Finance Bill](#)
- Senate: Prepared to be taken up by the Finance Committee

Prohibit the Display or Use of Law Enforcement Equipment on Non-Law Enforcement Vehicles

[HF 3356](#) (Huot) / [SF 4235](#) (Hoffman)

1. Prohibits sale or transfer of a law enforcement vehicle that is equipped with emergency or public safety equipment and insignia that could misleadingly identify it as a law enforcement vehicle
2. Certificate of compliance. Requires a certificate of compliance accompanying sale or transfer of a law enforcement vehicle. Directs the Department of Public Safety to design the certificate and make it available online without charge
3. Establishes liability and civil penalties for sale or transfer of a law enforcement vehicle in violation of the marking and equipment limitations
4. Provides explicit authority for county and city attorneys to bring a civil lawsuit for a violation of this section
5. Creates an exemption for vehicles registered as a collector's item

Status:

- House: Prepared to be taken up by the Ways and Means Committee. Also included in the [Public Safety Omnibus Finance Bill](#)
- Senate: Prepared to be taken up by the Senate floor

Eliminate PERA Re-Employment Penalty After Retirement

[HF 4326](#) (Stier) / [SF 4499](#) (Seeberger)

1. Discontinue the penalty on re-employment after the PERA pension draw from the first retirement
2. As state statute stands today, any former law enforcement officer drawing a PERA pension is barred from working in a PERA-eligible job—whether as a school bus driver, teacher, para-professional, city employee, or even in another law enforcement or public safety role
3. It will allow PERA pensioners to return to work without financial punishment

Status:

- Prepared to be taken up by the joint Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement

Police Officer Brady-Giglio Process

[HF 962](#) (Novotny) / [SF 325](#) (Koran)

1. Creates a statutory definition of "Brady-Giglio material"
2. Seeks to regulate the process by which prosecuting agencies place and remove peace officers from Brady-Giglio designation.
3. Instructs all prosecuting authorities in Minnesota to implement a written policy to guide the process of seeking and reviewing personnel data, and disclosing personnel data if determined to be Brady-Giglio material in all criminal actions in Minnesota
4. If a prosecutor relies on an officer with a Brady-Giglio designation to prosecute a case, the prosecutor must disclose to the accused the evidence that warranted the Brady-Giglio designation
5. Clarifies data retention and sharing for Brady-Giglio material by prosecutors

Status:

- House: Prepared to be taken up by the Ways and Means Committee
- Senate: Prepared to be taken up by the Finance Committee