

2025 Legislative Session MCPA Update

Week of May 5

Overview

If the legislature is going to adjourn by May 19th, the constitutional date for adjournment, legislative leaders and the Walz Administration need to establish global budget targets. These targets allow the committee chairs to negotiate their final budget bills. If the legislature cannot finish by May 19, then the next deadline is the end of the state's fiscal year, which is midnight on June 30th. If at that time, some or all of the budget bills have not passed, then the government, in whole or in part, will shut down until a state budget is passed.

By Monday, May 12th there are still not global budget targets released by leadership. With only a week left, it is becoming more likely the legislature will need to return for a special session in June to pass a state budget before the deadline.

Some conference committees have started to meet to walkthrough and compare the House and Senate version of the committee's topic. Without global budget targets, the committee chairs can adopt agreed on policy provisions, but otherwise they are on hold until they get their target.

Public Safety Committees

On Tuesday, the Public Safety and Judiciary Conference Committee met for the first time to walkthrough the Senate and House versions of the bill, side by side, noting differences and similarities in policy and budget language in each bill. Their next meeting was on Thursday where they adopted the policy language the chairs agreed that were non-controversial and listed in each bill.

- [Judiciary and Public Safety Side by Side Bills](#)

The conference committee also met on Saturday, May 10th. During the hearing, they adopted more agreed on policy provisions including the bill language from [HF 1744](#), which includes the MCPA's preferred mobile tracking device language that creates an exemption for the use of mobile tracking devices on fleeing motor vehicles. This exemption would allow law enforcement to deploy a mobile tracking device on a fleeing motor vehicle, but require the device be removed once the vehicle is recovered and the officer to prepare a report that includes the evidence relied upon to establish the vehicle was fleeing, the date and time the device was attached to the vehicle, the method used to attach the device to the vehicle, the duration for which the tracking device was attached to the vehicle, and an explanation of how the device impacted the outcome of the investigation.

Over the next few days, if the chairs receive budget targets from leadership, they will be negotiating budget items that they will choose to fund in their final conference committee report. However, chairs will be hard-pressed to finish in time with their conference committee work and have the conference committee reports pass the House and Senate floor before the adjournment deadline of May 19th. We anticipate the public safety and judiciary chairs are already having preliminary discussions, without a target, comparing and contrasting projects and programs they want to prioritize funding and how much to appropriate.

Legislation of Interest

[Full report of legislation tracked for MCPA](#)

[\(HF2432\)](#) House Public Safety Omnibus Bill

[\(SF1417\)](#) Senate Public Safety Omnibus Bill

Training Funding

SF1701 (Duckworth) / HF1256 (Novotny) Certain law enforcement training (\$6 million) reimbursement funding extended.

Actions: ***version included in omnibus bills***

March 11, 2025

Heard in Public Safety Finance and Policy. The bill was laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill. (in the House)

April 7, 2025

Scheduled for Judiciary and Public Safety (in the Senate)

Buffer Zone

SF2212 (Seeberger) / HF2173 (Engen) Crime to obstruct certain first responders by approaching or remaining too closely after being warned.

Actions: ***version included in omnibus bill***

March 28, 2025

Heard in Judiciary and Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee, the bill passed and has been sent to the Senate floor.

Fleeing / Tracking

SF191 (Gustafson) / HF340 (Stier) Crime of fleeing a peace officer in a motor vehicle modification

Actions: ***version included in omnibus bill***

January 16, 2025

Introduction and first reading. Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety (in the Senate)

March 24, 2025

Committee report, to adopt and re-refer to Public Safety (in the House)