

2026 Legislative Session MCPA Update

Week of April 27

Overview

Tensions at the Minnesota Legislature remain high as lawmakers race toward the May 18 adjournment deadline, with time running short and the likelihood diminishing that either party will fully achieve its initial goals. As the clock winds down, both chambers are expected to hold increasingly lengthy floor sessions, debating a mix of stand-alone and omnibus policy and finance bills assembled by committees in recent weeks.

Behind the scenes, the governor and legislative leaders have been meeting to identify shared priorities that can secure bipartisan, bicameral support before the session ends. Optimism with speculation has begun to build at the Capitol that these negotiations could soon yield agreed-upon "global budget targets" and a broader framework for compromise by next Friday. This would leave lawmakers roughly a week to finalize and pass the remaining pieces of legislation before adjournment.

Legislative Activity of Interest

Senate

Senate Floor

On Monday, the Senate passed what they are referring to as the safety and security package this week with bi-partisan support that includes numerous new safe guards for elected officials and the Capitol complex. There was discussion and an amendment where the Republicans made an effort to include school safety funding into the package. The amendment was ruled not germane to the rest of the bill and the amendment was not adopted. The only adopted amendment was a minor change of language from "may" to "must."

4/27 Senate floor Special Orders:

[SF 3432](#) (Latz) Safety and security measures appropriation. Passed (Y45 – N19)

- [A50](#) amendment (Lucero) deletes "may" and insert "must". Adopted
- [A11](#) amendment (Rarick) adds school safety funding to bill. Ruled not germane

On Tuesday, the Senate floor took up and passed a number of individual bills that were brought forward this session in response to the murders this summer of Mark and Melissa Hortman.

4/28 Senate floor Special Orders:

[HF 4133](#) (Westlin) Certain exclusions in homeowner's insurance policies prohibited when damage is done by a peace officer. Passed (Y54 – N11)

[HF 3782](#) (Westlin) Certain buildings usage of chemical irritants disclosure requirement provision. Passed (Y58 – N7)

[HF 3827](#) (Clark) Certain Bureau of Criminal Apprehension grants to local law enforcement as reimbursements clarification provision, recording of crimes law modifications, determination of how certain criminal records are ineligible for sealing process establishment, and orders of protection for access by law enforcement provided by the court requirement provision. Passed (Y65 – N0)

On Wednesday, the Senate floor passed one bill of interest to MCPA regarding criminal convictions and firearm restrictions.

4/29 Senate floor Special Orders:

[HF4075](#) (Westlin) Uniform procedure establishment for imposition, implementation, and oversight of firearms restrictions resulting from certain criminal convictions and judicial order. Passed (Y40-N25)

Senate Finance

On Wednesday morning the Senate Finance Committee inserted what they are moving forward as a gun violence prevention package. Language most of note to law enforcement, is the inclusion of extreme risk protection order statute changes that would eliminate procedural barriers to utilizing the orders in the field. The package passed out of Senate Finance and has been sent to the Senate floor for a vote.

4/29 Senate Finance Agenda:

[SF 4067](#) (Mohamed) Omnibus Judicial Branch supplemental appropriations replaced with gun violence prevention package language. Passed as amended, sent to Senate floor
The language in the delete everything (A7) and the A8 amendment were adopted and inserted the GVP language into SF 4067.

- [A7 amendment.pdf](#) (gun violence prevention language) Adopted
- [A8 amendment.pdf](#) (minor changes to existing appropriations) Adopted

House

Ways and Means

On Monday morning the House Ways and Means Committee heard the companion to the Senate safety and security package, HF3230 (Moller). The committee adopted the [DE6 amendment](#) (House safety and security package) that replaced the bill language with similar language to the Senate safety and security package.

There is a series of differences in the appropriation amounts and the House version and it does not include the decommissioning of public safety vehicles language. It also includes a security services task force (MCPA is listed as a participant) rather than the implementation for protective services unit, like the Senate version has. The bill passed out of the committee and was sent to the House floor.

House Floor

On Thursday the House took up the Public Safety Omnibus Policy bill for a floor vote. The bill received a number of amendments that were adopted and a number that were not due to their controversial and partisan nature.

4/30 House Calendar for the Day

[SF4760](#) (Novotny) Omnibus Public Safety policy bill. Passed (Y116 – N16)

- [DEA399 amendment](#) (Novotny) inserts House Public Safety Omnibus Policy bill language. Adopted.
 - Reps. Curran, Moller spoke in support
- [A5 amendment](#) (Novotny) effective date change. Adopted.

- [A7 amendment](#) (Lee F.) allows for OLA to request fingerprints from BCA. Adopted.
- [A8 amendment](#) (Witte) medications in correctional facilities. Adopted.
- [A12 amendment](#) (Greenman) prohibition on prediction markets. Adopted (Y72 - N59)
- [A9 amendment](#) (Frazier) ERPO statute changes. Withdrawn.

Next Week's Floor Schedule

Senate

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

Monday, May 4

11:00 AM—floor session

Special Orders:

[SF 4067](#) (Mohamed) Gun violence prevention package language.

House

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

Monday, May 4

1:00 PM—floor session

Calendar for the Day:

[HF 1082](#) (Moller) Public Safety Omnibus Finance Bill

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