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Michigan Fire Services Coalition Update

Legislative Update for February 5th - February 9th

Gov. Rick Snyder delivered his final budget presentation to a joint meeting of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees this week. While General Fund spending increased only 0.6%, one of the highlights of the proposal was the increase in School Aid Fund money. The governor proposed a \$120-\$240 per pupil foundation allowance increase, as well as up to \$50 for high school students enrolled in career and technical education classes. He also proposed reductions in funding for cyber charter schools to 75% of the foundation allowance, which would be used to help fund the increases in other areas.

Other items of note in the proposed budget involved infrastructure and the Department of Corrections. Snyder asked the legislature to accelerate funding provided for in the 2015 roads and infrastructure legislation, as well as provide an additional \$175 million from the General Fund. He also used the presentation as a platform to announce the state would not renew its contract with Trinity Services Group, the company that provides MDOC food service, and would return to using state workers to provide food services.

The House Judiciary Committee heard testimony on legislation that would reform civil asset forfeiture laws in the state. HB 4158, introduced by Rep. Pete Lucido (R – Shelby Twp.), would prohibit civil asset forfeiture by police unless an individual was convicted of a crime. Much of the testimony alleged that the practice, originally intended as a method of seizing property and cash involved in the drug trade, is now used excessively by law enforcement as a means to supplement department budgets. The Committee is expected to hear further testimony on the legislation in the coming weeks.

Miscellaneous:

The House passed HB 5456 which would create the asbestos transparency act. This would make it more difficult for individuals to make claims against asbestos.

Meetings with the Department of Health and Human Services, MAAS, Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs and the MPFFU were held to determine if the proposed ambulance QAAP would move forward. The department provided a model that included a \$3.50 assessment per transport amongst ambulance providers. There are total of 249 providers in the state, of these providers 208 would be considered winners and 41 would be considered losers. Please see the attached breakdown of the departments.

The FY 19 budget was introduced by Governor Snyder on February 7th. As part of the presentation, \$15M for Fire Protection Grants was included which comes from the over collection of the PPT.

State Fire Marshal Sehlmeier will be hosting a meeting on February 26th at 10 am at the Delta Twp. Hall regarding Continuing Education.



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Committee Activity:

Committee Health Policy

Clerk Phone Number Melissa Weipert 517-373-5176

Location Room 519, House Office Building, Lansing, MI

Date Wednesday, 2/14/2018

Time 9:00 AM

Agenda [HB 5439](#) (Rep. Whiteford) Mental health; facilities; psychiatric bed registry; create.

[HB 5460](#) (Rep. Vaupel) Health facilities; emergency medical services; certain drug overdose training for medical first responders and paramedics; require.

[HB 5461](#) (Rep. Green) Law enforcement; other; drug overdose training corresponding to training program for medical first responders and paramedics; require for peace officers.

[HB 5524](#) (Rep. Santana) Education; teachers; mental health training; include in requirement for teacher continuing education.

Bill Introductions:

[HB 5517 of 2018](#) Insurance; no-fault; no-fault law; eliminate. Amends secs. 1833, 1910, 2102, 2103, 2116a, 2118, 2120, 3009, 3020, 3037, 3101, 3102, 3103, 3104, 3131, 3135, 3163, 3171, 3172, 3179, 3303 & 6107 of 1956 PA 218 (MCL 500.1833 et. seq.). TIE BAR WITH: HB 5518'18, HB 5519'18, HB 5520'18, HB 5521'18, HB 5522'18, HB 5523'18

[HB 5518 of 2018](#) Vehicles; automobiles; proof of insurance; revise requirements to reflect elimination of no-fault. Amends secs. 226, 227a, 323, 328, 518b, 658, 665, 665b, 732, 732a & 801e of 1949 PA 300 (MCL 257.226 et. seq.). TIE BAR WITH: HB 5517'18



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Bill Activity:

PASSED, ENROLLED or ADOPTED By the CHAMBER

[HB 4523 of 2017](#)

Explosives; other; Michigan explosives permitting act; repeal. Repeals 1970 PA 202 (MCL 29.41 - 29.55).

[HB 4528 of 2017](#)

Health occupations; health professionals; eligibility to participate in the health professional recovery program; expand to include emergency medical services personnel. Amends secs. 16105a, 16167, 16169, 16170, 16170a & 20910 of 1978 PA 368 (MCL 333.16105a et seq.).