

# Minnesota House of Representatives

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Thursday, January 16, 2025

The following House Files were introduced:

**Anderson, P. E.; Demuth; Niska; Nash; Gillman; Olson; Engen; Lawrence; Duran; Skraba; Franson; Perryman; Dippel; Schultz; Novotny; Baker; Davids; Mekeland; Jacob; Harder; Joy; Koznick; Torkelson; Witte; Wiener; Davis; Murphy; Repinski; Sexton; Gordon; Bliss; Gander; Altendorf; Fogelman and Backer introduced:**

[H. F. 1](#), A bill for an act relating to state government; establishing an Office of the Inspector General; providing powers; specifying duties; requiring a fraud reporting hotline; requiring agencies to halt payments when fraud is suspected; eliminating agency-based offices of inspector general; requiring a report; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 3.97, subdivision 1, by adding subdivisions; 3.971, subdivisions 1, 9; 142B.53; 245A.24; 268.19, subdivision 1; 268B.30; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 3; 15; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 13.321, subdivision 12; 127A.21.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Policy.

**Davis; Demuth; Niska; Nash; Perryman; Backer; Gander; Van Binsbergen; Zeleznikar; Murphy; Anderson, P. E.; Knudsen; Rarick; Koznick; O'Driscoll; Mekeland; Fogelman; Rymer; McDonald; Torkelson; Harder; Gillman; Hudson; Burkel; Altendorf; Dotseth; Johnson, W.; Heintzeman; Allen; Robbins; Novotny; Bennett; Stier; Sexton and Warwas introduced:**

[H. F. 2](#), A bill for an act relating to state government; requiring fraud reporting; strengthening grants management requirements; establishing a criminal penalty; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 16B.97, subdivisions 2, 4; 16B.98, subdivisions 4, 5, 8; 16B.981, subdivisions 2, 3; 16B.991, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 15.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Policy.

**Nash; Robbins; Niska; Demuth; Quam; Engen; Harder; Dotseth; Davis; Mueller; Rarick; Perryman; Burkel; Joy; Davids; Gander; Johnson, W.; Repinski; Wiener; Igo; Lawrence; Gordon; Allen; Van Binsbergen; Zeleznikar; Jacob; Knudsen; O'Driscoll; Koznick; Gillman; Torkelson; Hudson; Mekeland and Rymer introduced:**

[H. F. 3](#), A bill for an act relating to state government; requiring the legislative auditor to submit a report to the legislature related to an agency's implementation of internal control or fiscal management recommendations; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 3.971, by adding a subdivision; 16A.057, subdivision 5.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Policy.

**Johnson, W.; Davids; Demuth; Niska; Hudson; Robbins; Zeleznikar; Gander; Harder; Schultz; Burkel; Dotseth; Rarick; Engen; Knudsen; Joy; Lawrence; Bennett; Gordon; Allen; Witte; Anderson, P. E.; Perryman; Backer; Nash; Davis; Jacob; Van Binsbergen; Koznick; O'Driscoll; Nadeau; Mekeland; Fogelman; Gillman and Rymer introduced:**

[H. F. 4](#), A bill for an act relating to taxation; proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution by adding a section to article X; requiring that a portion of a projected budget surplus be returned to state taxpayers.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Joy; Koznick; Davids; Demuth; Niska; Johnson, W.; Zeleznikar; Gander; Harder; Schultz; Burkel; Dotseth; Rarick; Engen; Knudsen; Lawrence; Bennett; Gordon; Allen; Witte; Anderson, P. E.; Perryman; Backer; Nash; Davis; O'Driscoll; Gillman; Torkelson; Hudson; Mekeland; Rymer; McDonald; Swedzinski and Altendorf introduced:**

[H. F. 5](#), A bill for an act relating to government finance; modifying imposition and allocation of certain taxes; requiring certain tax analysis; repealing retail delivery fee; providing an unlimited Social Security subtraction; requiring a report; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 174.49, subdivisions 2, 3; 270C.15; 290.0132, subdivision 26; 296A.07, subdivision 3; 296A.08, subdivision 2; 297A.94; 297A.9915, subdivision 4; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 168E.01; 168E.03; 168E.05; 168E.07; 168E.09.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy.

**Bennett; Mueller; Demuth; Niska; Bakeberg; Kresha; Knudsen; Zeleznikar; Anderson, P. E.; O'Driscoll; Koznick; Gillman; Fogelman; Torkelson; Harder; Lawrence; Hudson; Mekeland; Rymer; McDonald; Altendorf; Burkel; Heintzeman; Dotseth; Johnson, W.; Gander; Robbins; Stier; Sexton; Roach; Van Binsbergen and Dippel introduced:**

[H. F. 6](#), A bill for an act relating to education; modifying the Read Act; canceling appropriations; providing for education innovation; modifying innovation zone provisions; modifying P-TECH approval process; recodifying and reorganizing education innovation; establishing an Office of Achievement and Innovation in the Department of Education; modifying equity, diversity, and inclusion appropriation; requiring the commissioner to establish a school performance report system; authorizing certain fund transfers for fiscal years 2025 through 2029; authorizing a school board to not comply with certain recently enacted state laws or rules; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 120B.118; 120B.119, subdivision 4, by adding a subdivision; 120B.123, subdivision 7; 120B.124; 122A.091, subdivision 1; 122A.185, subdivision 1; 124D.085; 124D.093, subdivisions 3, 4; Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 2, section 52; Laws 2023, chapter 55, article 3, section 11, subdivision 2; article 12, section 17, subdivision 2, as amended; Laws 2024, chapter 115, article 3, section 8, subdivisions 3, 5; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 120B; 127A; repealing Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 2, section 52, subdivision 3.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Policy.

**Novotny; Witte; Demuth; Niska; Duran; Zeleznikar; Gander; Johnson, W.; Joy; Harder; Burkel; Dotseth; Rarick; Engen; Knudsen; Lawrence; Bennett; Gordon; Allen; Anderson, P. E.; Perryman; Backer; Nash; Van Binsbergen; Davis; Murphy; Koznick; O'Driscoll; Mekeland; Gillman; McDonald; Torkelson; Hudson; Altendorf and Heintzeman introduced:**

[H. F. 7](#), A bill for an act relating to public safety; providing that data held by law enforcement agencies regarding the person or entity that posted bail are public; requiring notice to the agency having custody of the arrested or detained person when bail or a bond is posted; establishing mandatory minimum sentences for certain sex trafficking offenses; requiring persons subject to stays of adjudication in criminal sexual conduct cases to register as predatory offenders; requiring the Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission to maintain a publicly searchable database; requiring legislative approval of proposed changes to the Sentencing Guidelines; requiring county attorneys to record and report the reason for dismissing charges; requiring the Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission to report information on dismissals to the legislature; requiring county attorneys to post information on dismissals to a publicly accessible website; creating liability and vicarious liability for trespass to critical infrastructure; creating a crime for recruiting or educating individuals to trespass on or damage critical infrastructure; enhancing the penalty for assaulting a police officer; establishing the crime of fleeing in a motor vehicle and failing to obey certain traffic laws; prohibiting being in a stolen motor vehicle; increasing penalties for obstructing trunk highway, airport, or transit traffic; eliminating the requirement that a vehicle be unoccupied when law enforcement attach a tracking device; authorizing the expanded use of tracking devices for fleeing motor vehicles; imposing criminal penalties; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 13.82, subdivision 2; 243.166, subdivision 1b; 244.09, subdivision 11, by adding subdivisions; 609.2231, subdivision 1; 609.322, subdivision 1; 609.487, by adding a subdivision; 609.52, by adding a subdivision; 609.594, subdivision 2; 609.6055, subdivision 2; 609.74; 609.855, subdivision 2; 626A.35, subdivision 2b, by adding a subdivision; 629.53; 629.67; 629.70; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 388; 604.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy.

**Heintzeman; Zeleznikar; Demuth; Niska; Warwas; Schultz; Backer; Nash; Davis; Van Binsbergen; Jacob; Anderson, P. E.; Knudsen; Gander; Rarick; O'Driscoll; Koznick; Gillman; Torkelson; Harder; Hudson; Mekeland; McDonald; Burkel; Altendorf; Dotseth; Robbins; Novotny; Sexton and Bennett introduced:**

[H. F. 8](#), A bill for an act relating to environment; improving efficiency of Wetland Conservation Act determinations; modifying permitting efficiency reporting requirements; improving the efficiency of the environmental and resource management permit application process; requiring the Pollution Control Agency to issue separate permits for the construction and operation of certain facilities; modifying the expedited permitting process of the Pollution Control Agency; requiring petitioners for environmental assessment worksheets to reside in the affected or adjoining counties; eliminating scoping environmental assessment worksheet requirements for projects requiring an environmental impact statement; requiring modification of the state implementation plan; requiring reports; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 15.99, subdivision 3; 116.03, subdivision 2b; 116.07, subdivisions 4a, 4d; 116D.04, subdivision 2a; 116J.035, by adding a subdivision.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

**Swedzinski; Demuth; Niska; Igo; Wiener; Gillman; Perryman; Schultz; Backer; Nash; Davis; Jacob; Anderson, P. E.; Knudsen; Van Binsbergen; Zeleznikar; Rarick; Koznick; Mekeland; Fogelman; Torkelson; Harder; McDonald; Hudson; Altendorf; Dotseth; Burkel; Johnson, W.; Heintzeman; Allen; Gander; Robbins; Warwas; Novotny and Sexton introduced:**

[H. F. 9](#), A bill for an act relating to energy; modifying the hydroelectric capacity that qualifies as an eligible energy technology under the renewable energy standard; delaying the requirement for electric utilities to meet the renewable energy, solar, or carbon-free standard under certain conditions; prohibiting the demolition of fossil-fuel-powered electric generating plants under certain conditions; declaring as state policy support for the deployment of carbon capture and sequestration technologies as a means to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; abolishing

prohibition on issuing certificate of need for new nuclear power plant; expanding the sales tax exemption for residential heating fuels and electricity; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 216B.1691, subdivisions 1, 2b; 216B.243, subdivision 3b; 297A.67, subdivision 15; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 216B; 216H.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Energy Finance and Policy.

**Schultz; Schomacker; Rarick; Demuth; Niska; Perryman; Nash; Backer; Davis; Jacob; Anderson, P. E.; Knudsen; Gander; Van Binsbergen; Zeleznikar; Koznick; O'Driscoll; Fogelman; Torkelson; Gillman; Harder; Hudson; Mekeland; Rymer; Swedzinski; McDonald; Burkel; Altendorf; Dotseth; Heintzeman; Johnson, W.; Novotny; Robbins; Sexton and Bennett introduced:**

[H. F. 10](#), A bill for an act relating to state government; prohibiting state-funded services to undocumented noncitizens; providing that undocumented noncitizens are ineligible for MinnesotaCare and the North Star Promise scholarship program; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 136A.1465, subdivision 1; 256L.04, subdivision 10; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16A.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Higher Education Finance and Policy.