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## **New Laws Effective July 1, 2026**

*The following is a list of select new laws passed during the 2026 legislative session, and a provision from one passed in the 2025 special session, that take effect July 1, 2026. The asterisk following the bill number denotes language that became law. Summaries of laws passed by the 2026 Legislature are available online from nonpartisan House Public Information Services at [house.mn.gov/newlaws/search/2026](http://house.mn.gov/newlaws/search/2026).*

### **BONDING**

A new law funding capital investment projects across the state focusing on transportation, public facilities authority and employment and economic development projects largely took effect May 28, 2026.

However, a handful of policy provisions in the law take effect July 1, 2026, including removal of a requirement from a 2023 law that an 8-foot perimeter fence and security controls are not required to be built at the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension Maryland Avenue building site.

Also effective that day, the state must convey for no consideration all state-owned land within the Cloquet Forestry Center to the University of Minnesota. A \$1.3 million Fiscal Year 2027 General Fund appropriation "is to prepay and defease any outstanding state general obligation bonds used for improvements and betterments at the University of Minnesota Cloquet Forestry Center, and other associated financing costs to facilitate the university's goal of returning this land to the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa."

An emergency shelter facility account will be created in the bond proceeds fund. Money in the account is appropriated to the Department of Human Services to make grants for projects to improve or expand emergency shelter facility options. A grant can pay for 100% of total project capital expenditures or a specified project phase, up to \$7 million per project. At least 40% must be awarded to Greater Minnesota projects.

The law is sponsored by Rep. Mary Franson (R-Alexandria) and Sen. Sandra Pappas (DFL-St. Paul).  
HF719\*/SF390/CH130

### **Cash bonding bill focuses on employment and economic development projects**

A \$46.47 million cash law supports projects across the state with a focus on projects from the Department of Employment and Economic Development.

However, the law, sponsored by Rep. Fue Lee (DFL-Mpls) and Sen. Sandra Pappas (DFL-St. Paul), totals \$28.7 million in new money because it includes \$17.77 million in cancellations from previous appropriations.

HF2484\*/SF2827/CH129

The law contains \$18.98 million for the Department of Employment and Economic Development to appropriate:

- \$10 million for predesign and design of updates and improvements to Grand Casino Arena in St. Paul;

- \$2.25 million for environmental remediation activities and geotechnical soil corrections at a public works facility in South St. Paul;
- \$1.3 million for Neighborhood HealthSource to construct a new clinic in North Minneapolis;
- \$1 million for design and construction of a city park at The Heights in St. Paul;
- \$1 million for the Bridge for Youth to design and acquire land for a multiuse facility in Hennepin County;
- \$1 million to construct a new Center for Communication and Development in Minneapolis;
- \$630,000 for a Capitol Area economic development grant program;
- \$500,000 for a renovation project at Haven for Heroes in Anoka;
- \$400,000 for the Organization of Liberians in Minnesota to renovate their Brooklyn Park facility;
- \$350,000 to expand a veterans' memorial in Stillwater;
- \$250,000 to build a regional shelter facility in Cambridge to provide comprehensive support services for families with children experiencing homelessness;
- \$200,000 for the Gammelgarden Museum of Scandia for preservation and restoration purposes; and
- \$100,000 for a veteran's memorial in Ottertail.

The law also spends General Fund dollars in the following ways:

- \$6.1 million to design the renovation of the existing water treatment plant in Apple Valley to address PFAS in the city's drinking water supply;
- \$4.5 million to Minnesota State: \$3 million for systemwide demolition and \$1.5 million for a legislative engagement center at Winona State University;
- \$4.5 million to construct a water tower in North St. Paul;
- \$2.9 million for local road improvement planning and a future Mississippi River crossing in Ramsey;
- \$2.3 million for Department of Corrections' asset preservation;
- \$1.8 million for drinking water regionalization planning and assistance grants;
- \$808,000 to design a Dakota language immersion public charter school in Redwood County;
- \$750,000 for signage along Truck Highway 610 that is designated as "Hortman Memorial Highway";
- \$650,000 for statewide drinking water contamination mitigation;
- \$550,000 for administration of emergency shelter facility grants;
- \$500,000 to furnish and equip a critical access dental clinic in Alexandria;
- \$500,000 for installation of mobile radar infrastructure and equipment to enhance airspace and marine surveillance;
- \$400,000 to acquire property and design a fire station in Medford;
- \$400,000 for final design of an interchange at Trunk Highway 61 and County Highway 22 in St. Paul Park;
- \$400,000 for improvements and repairs to the historic Pickwick Mill Dam in Winona County;
- \$300,000 to construct wayfinding and interpretive signage for the Heroes and Heritage Interpretive Trail Loop in Dakota County; and
- \$125,000 for an infectious waste study.

## **CIVIL LAW**

### **Termination of contracts for deed modified for victims of domestic violence**

A right to petition the court to remove someone from a contract for deed when they have committed domestic violence, sexual assault or harassment against another owner or their child is the focus of a new law.

Taking effect July 1, 2026, it will allow an unmarried person to petition the court to terminate another person's interest in a contract for deed when that person has been the victim of domestic violence, sexual assault or harassment from the other person, and the person who committed the assault or abuse has not

resided at the property and the person petitioning has been making payments for the home or other real property that is under contract.

Rep. Kelly Moller (DFL-Shoreview) and Sen. Heather Gustafson (DFL-Vadnais Heights) are the sponsors.  
HF3970\*/SF3907/CH80

## **EDUCATION**

### **School districts must adopt anonymous threat reporting system**

The board of a school district or charter school must adopt a policy to implement the use of an anonymous threat reporting system by June 30, 2027, and implement a system by July 1, 2028.

The law taking effect July 1, 2026, establishes requirements for anonymous threat reporting systems, including a 24-hour mobile application, website or toll-free hotline that can receive anonymous tips regarding dangerous, violent, threatening, harmful, or potentially harmful activity that occurs, or is threatened on, school property or relates to an enrolled student or school personnel.

School districts or charter schools that do not implement their own system must provide information to students, families, employees and the school community about the Department of Public Safety's statewide anonymous threat reporting system.

Active data collected with anonymous threat reporting systems will be permitted to be shared among a school district, charter school, the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Education, law enforcement agencies and noncriminal justice partners.

Data will become inactive when the school district or charter school, the Department of Education, or a law enforcement agency has determined it is no longer connected to a potential risk or threat, or two years have passed following the last associated report of potential risk or threat.

The law will appropriate \$4 million in Fiscal Year 2027 for grants to schools for the development, purchase, implementation, operation and maintenance of anonymous threat reporting systems. It will also appropriate \$1 million in Fiscal Year 2027 to the Department of Public Safety and Bureau of Criminal Apprehension for staffing and operating costs related to threat assessment and investigations.

Additionally, the law will provide \$10 million statewide in additional compensatory education revenue for Fiscal Year 2027 for school buildings scheduled to receive less compensatory circumstances revenue in Fiscal Year 2027 than in 2026. It'll also adjust general education aid from Fiscal Years 2027 and 2028.

Rep. Cheryl Youakim (DFL-Hopkins) and Sen. Steve Cwodzinski (DFL-Eden Prairie) are the sponsors.  
HF2433/SF2255\*/CH117

### **February forecast adjustments law features miscellaneous educational provisions**

A new law adjusts budgets for the Department of Education, Department of Human Services, Department of Children, Youth, and Families and Metropolitan Council to match the February 2026 forecast data and contains various educational provisions.

Non-budget educational provisions taking effect July 1, 2026, are paraprofessionals who have demonstrated work skill competencies satisfy state and federal requirements for paraprofessionals; establishing a General Fund aid program for the state's four tribal contract schools, equal to the amount apportioned to school districts and charter schools from the permanent school fund; and authorizing school districts to use operating capital revenue to pay utility service costs starting in Fiscal Year 2027.

Rep. Cheryl Youakim (DFL-Hopkins) and Sen. Mary Kunesh (DFL-New Brighton) are the sponsors.  
HF4213/SF4282\*/CH109

### **Mandatory teacher reporting requirement**

Effective July 1, 2026, a police department or county sheriff must notify the appropriate licensing board when a teacher is criminally charged with an offense that triggers automatic license denial, refusal to

renew, or revocation without a right to a hearing, or with any other offense that requires the person to register as a predatory offender.

This provision is included a larger law mostly taking effect Aug. 1, 2026, that makes grooming of a minor a felony.

Rep. Peggy Bennett (R-Albert Lea) and Sen. Erin Maye Quade (DFL-Apple Valley) are the sponsors.  
HF3489/SF3969\*/CH108

## ENVIRONMENT

### **Legacy Amendment funds total \$191 million into state prairies, forests, wetlands**

More than \$191 million from the Outdoor Heritage Fund will be distributed to protect, enhance, and restore wetlands, prairies, forests, and habitat for fish, game and other wildlife. The money was allocated as recommended by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.

The Legacy Amendment approved by voters in 2008 increases the state sales tax by three-eighths of 1% from July 1, 2009, until 2034. That additional revenue is dedicated to four funds: 33% Outdoor Heritage Fund; 33% Clean Water Fund; 19.75% Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund; and 14.25% Parks and Trails Fund. However, the Outdoor Heritage Fund is the only one of the four funds to be distributed annually rather than biennially.

The \$191.08 million appropriated in Fiscal Year 2027 will be broken down as:

- \$82.41 million for 27 habitat projects, including \$13.8 million for metro-area conservation partners grant program;
- \$36.39 million for 11 prairie projects;
- \$33.19 million for eight wetland protection or restoration projects;
- \$36.94 million for four forest projects; and
- \$2.16 million for administration purposes.

Rep. Josh Heintzeman (R-Nisswa) and Sen. Fong Hawj (DFL-St. Paul) sponsor the law.  
HF2439/SF2077\*/CH126

### **Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund supports \$130.22 million in projects**

Nearly \$102.04 million in Fiscal Year 2027 from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund is targeted for 108 projects aimed at environmental protection, conservation, preservation and enhancement.

This includes land acquisition, data collection and research, environmental education, invasive species management, and habitat restoration.

Projects and award amounts are selected based on recommendations of the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources. State lottery proceeds and investment income generate the funds.

An additional \$28.18 million from the fund will go to the Department of Natural Resources for community grants. By law, the DNR cannot award community grants to state agencies, the University of Minnesota, a for-profit business or for a scientific research project.

Sponsored by Rep. Sydney Jordan (DFL-Mpls) and Sen. Fong Hawj (DFL-St. Paul), the new law takes effect July 1, 2026.

HF3426\*/SF3857/CH104

## HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### **Mental health care funding for young children**

Included in the human services policy law is a provision that, effective July 1, 2026, will establish an early childhood mental health consultation grant program to support the delivery of specialized mental health care to children age 5 or younger.

Eligible applicants include mental health clinics, community mental health centers, an Indian health service facility or one owned by a tribal organization, providers of children’s therapeutic services and supports, and agencies with expertise in infant and early childhood mental health.

Per the law, funds must be used to provide consultation that includes, but is not limited to:

- early identification of social, emotional, and behavioral concerns through observation, screening support, and guidance to early childhood professionals;
- creating and providing training to early childhood professionals that includes evidence-based or evidence-informed clinical practices related to infant and early childhood mental health, and train-the-trainer models to build capacity for grantees to train their staff; and
- providing direct or reflective consultation to early education professionals.

The law is sponsored by Rep. Mohamud Noor (DFL-Mpls) and Sen. John Hoffman (DFL-Champlin).  
HF729/SF476\*/CH95

### **Social media mental health warning**

A health and human services policy law passed in the 2025 special session includes a provision that, effective July 1, 2026, social media platforms must have a mental health warning that appears each time a user accesses the platform and only disappears when the user either exits the platform or acknowledges the potential for harm and chooses to proceed.

The warning label’s text must warn the user of potential mental health impacts from using social media and provide resources to address potential mental health impacts, including the national suicide hotline number and website.

Social media platforms will be banned from allowing a user to disable the warning label, providing the warning label in only the platform’s terms and conditions and including extraneous information in the warning label that obscures its visibility or prominence.

Rep. Robert Bierman (DFL-Apple Valley) and Sen. Melissa Wiklund (DFL-Bloomington) sponsor the law.  
Special Session 2025: SSHF2\*/SSSF6/CH3

## **HIGHER EDUCATION**

### **Funding boost to Fostering Independence Grants**

Taking effect July 1, 2026, additional biennial appropriations in the higher education supplemental policy and finance law are \$3 million to the Minnesota State system to implement an identity verification system to combat “ghost student” financial aid fraud; \$2.7 million — \$1.5 million from the General Fund and \$570,000 from the Workforce Development Fund — to address a funding shortfall in the Fostering Independence Higher Education Grants program; and \$5,000 to Bemidji State University for a grant to replant trees lost in last summer’s derecho.

Rep. Dan Wolgamott (DFL-St. Cloud) and Sen. Omar Fateh (DFL-Mpls) sponsor the law.  
HF4252\*/SF3943/CH116

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

### **Supplemental budget law funds Capitol, courtroom security**

A public safety and judiciary safety and security law will appropriate \$47.44 million in the 2026-27 biennium to fund legislative, judicial, and State Capitol security programs, plus provide crime victim services.

Rep. Kelly Moller (DFL-Shoreview) and Sen. Ron Latz (DFL-St. Louis Park) sponsor the law whose spending provisions take effect July 1, 2026.

To curb the increasing threats of violence judges and other judicial staff are facing, the law appropriates \$6.97 million in Fiscal Year 2027: \$4 million for a competitive grant program for courthouse safety and security improvements; \$1.69 million for the judicial branch to monitor and respond to threats to

judges and judicial staff; \$967,000 for home security systems for judges and judicial staff; and \$312,000 for additional security personnel for the judicial branch.

The largest public safety appropriation is \$12 million in Fiscal Year 2027 to a new Minnesota Victims of Crime account in the Office of Justice Programs for grants to community-based crime victim service providers, such as emergency shelters and legal advocacy.

A \$7.32 million appropriation in the 2026-27 biennium is for staffing, overtime, and equipping costs of additional State Patrol personnel and associated scanning equipment to perform screening of individuals entering the State Capitol. The law calls for \$6.39 million in ongoing biennial funding beginning in 2028-29.

Also in the 2026-27 biennium is \$2.12 million to the Philando Castile Memorial Training Fund to conduct mandatory training for peace officers in de-escalation techniques, implicit bias and crisis management to improve community-police relations.

Other public safety-related appropriations in Fiscal Year 2027 include:

- \$7.95 million in the 2026-27 biennium for legislator security protection from the State Patrol and other law enforcement agencies when they receive credible safety threats;
- \$4.7 million for Capitol security enhancements to protect legislators and visitors;
- \$1.01 million for the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension's threat assessment and investigation team;
- \$905,000 to the BCA for non-fatal shooting clearance grants;
- \$300,000 for safety and security of the attorney general, secretary of state and state auditor;
- \$159,000 to fund a domestic violence task force;
- \$125,000 to provide post-release services for adult and juvenile offenders;
- \$125,000 for trafficking prevention grants for youths;
- \$100,000 for the Public Safety Department to maintain a database with emergency contact information for elected officials; and
- \$13,000 for an expected increased incarceration rate due to a new law that increases the penalties for theft from a vulnerable adult.

HF3230/SF3432\*/CH118

## STATE GOVERNMENT

### **Fund established to upgrade county human services program technology**

Minnesota is among a few states that administer their human services programs at the county level.

In recent years, urgency has grown to upgrade the information technology used to administer those programs — some of which has not been updated in decades — especially since federal mandates were signed into law in 2025 requiring states to develop more stringent oversight of human services programs.

A new law taking effect July 1, 2026, establishes a state fund to modernize the IT systems used by state agencies, counties and tribal nations to administer human services programs. It also creates a Human Services Modernization Advisory Council and a Legislative Commission on Human Services Systems.

The law includes General Fund or new modernization fund appropriations in Fiscal Year 2027 of \$27.94 million to the Department of Children, Youth, and Families; \$15 million to advance fraud prevention and detection; \$11.46 million to the Department of Human Services; \$11.42 million to Minnesota IT Services; and \$10 million for priority upgrades to the IT systems that counties use to administer state human services programs.

Minnesota Management and Budget officials must also transfer just under \$50 million in Fiscal Year 2027 from the General Fund to the newly created Human Services Systems Modernization Fund, and must transfer money to the new fund if its balance at the end of a biennium is less than \$50 million.

Funds must be used only for eligible multiyear modernization activities that replace, modernize, consolidate, integrate, migrate, or substantially enhance legacy human services systems and shared technology infrastructure used by the Department of Human Services; Department of Children, Youth and Families;

counties; federally recognized Indian Tribes located in Minnesota; providers; beneficiaries; and other program partners.

Minnesota IT Services must develop a preliminary multiyear modernization plan by March 1, 2027, and — beginning Feb. 1, 2027, and annually thereafter — submit a report to the Human Services Systems Modernization Advisory Council and the Legislative Commission on Human Services Systems.

The council is tasked with providing recommendations on the planning, prioritization, governance, financing, development, implementation, integration, replacement and modernization of current and future human services systems. Its work will be supported by a \$3.9 million Fiscal Year 2027 appropriation.

To provide legislative oversight, monitoring and recommendations regarding the planning, financing, procurement, development, implementation, operation and modernization of human services systems, a Legislative Commission on Human Services Systems is established. Its Fiscal Year 2027 appropriation is \$559,000.

Rep. Paul Torkelson (R-Hanska) and Sen. Erin Maye Quade (DFL-Apple Valley) are the sponsors.  
HF744/SF334\*/CH120

### **Financial changes for Fiscal Year 2027**

Parts of a law with more than a dozen changes related to state government take effect July 1, 2026.

Among its Fiscal Year 2027 financial changes, the law will reduce by \$1.84 million — from \$4.92 million to \$3.07 million — money for the Department of Human Services to coordinate with the newly created Office of Inspector General.

As for new spending, it will provide \$561,000 to Minnesota IT Services for data sharing between agencies; an additional \$264,000 toward creation of the Office of Inspector General; \$262,000 to the Department of Education for data sharing preparation; and \$86,000 for administrative costs of the Melissa and Mark Hortman Memorial State Park working group that is charged with making recommendations for the creation of the Melissa and Mark Hortman Memorial State Park within the Capitol Area.

Rep. Jim Nash (R-Waconia) and Sen. Heather Gustafson (DFL-Vadnais Heights) sponsor the law.  
HF4591\*/SF4889/CH119

### **Quartet of payments comprise multi-million-dollar claims law**

Each year, the joint House-Senate Subcommittee on Claims decides which tort claims against the state should be funded.

This year's law contains just over \$5.1 million in Fiscal Year 2027 payments, including \$4.5 million to Marvin Haynes. He was wrongfully incarcerated for 19 1/2 years on a murder conviction that was overturned because it was based on false evidence and due process was violated.

Haynes sought relief under the Imprisonment and Exoneration Remedies Act that provides a compensation process for cases where a person was exonerated of a felony for which they were wrongfully incarcerated.

Also under the act, Clayton Groves will receive \$350,000 for spending nearly 52 months in prison before his sexual misconduct conviction was vacated by the Minnesota Court of Appeals, and James Davis will be paid \$250,000. He spent almost three years in prison on the exonerated convictions before it was vacated "due to ineffective assistance of counsel."

The law also contains a \$4,570 payment to Mark Carroll for a personal injury claim. He sustained permanent right ankle injuries while performing assigned duties at the Stillwater prison.

State statute permits a claim "for losses suffered while incarcerated in a state correctional facility or for injuries suffered by and medical services provided to persons injured while performing community service or sentence-to-service work for correctional purposes or while incarcerated in a state correctional facility."

The law, which takes effect July 1, 2026, is sponsored by Rep. Luke Frederick (DFL-Mankato) and Sen. Doron Clark (DFL-Mpls).

HF5074\*/SF5202/CH105