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Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union Update

Legislative Update for April 1st – April 13th

The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education reported its budget for Michigan's universities this week. Included in the proposal were a series of new requirements relating to Title IX and aimed at combatting campus sexual assault. If a university failed to comply with the requirements, it would be at risk of having operations funding cut by 10 percent. Rep. Kim LaSata (R – Bainbridge Twp.), chair of the subcommittee, confirmed that the requirements stem from findings in the House's investigation into the Larry Nassar scandal at Michigan State University.

Budget recommendations from various appropriations subcommittees continued to be reported as well. Notable items include a one percent increase in funding for community colleges proposed by the Senate, a \$40 million reduction in Medicaid autism services proposed by the House, maintaining funding for cyber schools and shared-time programs, and a \$25 million reduction in Gov. Rick Snyder's "Marshall Plan" proposal.

Gov. Snyder continued to be a target of criticism for his decision to end distribution of bottled water in the City of Flint following a series of tests indicating tap water was safe for consumption. The move sparked intensified public outcry because it followed a decision from the administration to allow Nestle to increase the amount of water pumped from a spring in mid-Michigan.

Pressure on state officials to take action on utility lines running along the Straits of Mackinac was renewed after 600 gallons of mineral oil were released into the water from a transmission cable. The spill is widely believed to have been caused by an anchor strike. Leadership from both parties has called for implementation of more risk mitigation systems and for legal action against the ship that caused the strike.

Miscellaneous:

The Senate passed the LARA budget out of subcommittee this week. This budget included \$5.45M for the First Responders Presumed Coverage Fund. It also included language to fund the Fire Protection Grants. The budget allotted \$11.175M for BFS which equates to 78 full time employees.

Committee Activity:

No Committee activity at this time.

Bill Introductions:

[HB 5766 of 2018](#)

Vehicles; equipment; use of amber lights on vehicles performing snow removal services; allow during movement between jobs, and allow for operation of certain vehicles with snow plow blades up to 10 feet wide during certain periods. Amends secs. 698 & 717 of 1949 PA 300 (MCL 257.698 & 257.717).



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[HB 5773 of 2018](#)

Health facilities; other; testing emergency patients for infectious agents; expand to include testing for hepatitis C. Amends sec. 20191 of 1978 PA 368 (MCL 333.20191).

[HB 5789 of 2018](#)

Health occupations; health professionals; permanent revocation of license or registration if convicted of sexual conduct under pretext of medical treatment; provide for. Amends sec. 16221 of 1978 PA 368 (MCL 333.16221). TIE BAR WITH: HB 5787'18, HB 5790'18

[HB 5790 of 2018](#)

Health occupations; health professionals; permanent revocation of license or registration if convicted of sexual conduct under pretext of medical treatment; provide for. Amends sec. 16226 of 1978 PA 368 (MCL 333.16226). TIE BAR WITH: HB 5787'18, HB 5789'18

[SB 0930 of 2018](#)

Communications; emergency 9-1-1; funds collected under the emergency 9-1-1 service enabling act; allow local units of government to expend on the installation and maintenance of road signs. Amends secs. 401b & 408 of 1986 PA 32 (MCL 484.1401b & 484.1408).

Bill Activity:

PASSED, ENROLLED or ADOPTED By the CHAMBER

No activity at this time