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Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union Update

Legislative Update for the Week of May 15th- May 19th

The May Revenue Estimating Conference was held on Wednesday forecasted revenues to be down for the General Fund (GF) for the next three years but up for the School Aid Fund (SAF). For the current fiscal year which ends in September, GF is down by \$178.8M and the SAF is up by \$152.9. For FY 17-18, the GF is forecasted to be down by \$114.1M and SAF will increase by \$187.4M. Personal Income tax is the single largest tax which finances state operations and it is currently growing at a slower rate. These budget pressures do provide a question mark on some of the larger policy issues that the legislature would try to accomplish such as, income tax rate reduction and closure of MPSERs.

Legislative Leaders Leonard & Meekhof cancelled a scheduled meeting with the Governor to discuss budget targets due to a lack of agreement on the closure of MPSERs. The leaders want to see action on closing the hybrid pension plan for teacher and moving them all into a 401K system. The Governor believes the current system is working well and isn't currently supportive of this move.

Governor Snyder announced Thursday that the 109th House District will see a special election in November to fill its vacancy.

MISCELLANEOUS

The House voted HB 4160 off the floor by 105-2. We are working to address a necessary change that would prevent locals from denying access to the charitable organization.

Senator Stamas' office reached out regarding proposed changes from MAFC. They are considering a few of the technical changes that have come out of errors in the LSB drafting process. Changes will only be technical in nature.

Committee Reports:

House Regulatory Reform: We have set up the following meetings for Tuesday, May 23rd to meet with members of the committee on SB 264 & 265. If you can attend any of the meetings please RSVP to Melissa.

- 9:15 - Webber
- 9:45 - Chirkun
- 10:30 - Hauck
- 11:00 - Dianda
- 12:00 - Bellino
- 3:00- Iden
- 3:30 - Jones
- 4:30 - Griffin



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Bill Introductions:

[SB 0379 of 2017](#) Construction; safety; requirement for installation of carbon monoxide detectors in certain public accommodations; provide for. Amends sec. 4d of 1972 PA 230 (MCL 125.1504d).

Bill Activity:

PASSED, ENROLLED or ADOPTED By the CHAMBER

[HB 4131 of 2017](#) Retirement; other; forfeiture of employer contributions to a defined contribution plan if public employee is convicted of certain felonies; provide for. Amends secs. 2, 3 & 4 of 1994 PA 350 (MCL 38.2702 et seq.).

[HB 4160 of 2017](#) Traffic control; traffic regulation; solicitation of contributions in public roadways by certain nonprofit organizations; allow under certain circumstances. Amends sec. 676b of 1949 PA 300 (MCL 257.676b).