

SOLVING CRIMES

Nonfatal Shooting Grant Program (HF 2742/SF 3347)

- Statewide Aggravated Assault Clearance Rate is 56%
- HF 2742 funding will support dedicated teams of police, prosecutors and crime analysts who work together to solve nonfatal shooting cases

Pension exceptions to hire retired law enforcement for property crime investigations

- Statewide property crime clearance rate is 17%
- Units made up of professional staff can investigate burglaries, property crimes, and traffic accidents, freeing up sworn officers to improve violent crime clearance rates

Investigative Specialist Grant Program (HF 4944)

- Investigative Specialists will primarily be assigned to police detectives and assist them in investigations of non-fatal shootings, robberies, aggravated assaults and burglaries
- Investigative Specialists can also assist with the use of technology. For example, Philadelphia raised its homicide clearance rate from 42% in 2021 to nearly 90% in 2025 in part by using a network of license plate readers. Investigative specialists can track shooters' movements and locate getaway cars
- Baltimore Police Department has hired 80 Investigative Specialists to augment their sworn staff of 2200 officers

Sexual Assault Violence Education (HF 4358)

- Statewide Rape Clearance Rate is 36%
- The bill requires the state to develop specialized training for peace officers responding to sexual violence

COMMUNITY SUPERVISION

Clarifying the Sunsetting of Supervision Fees

- Minnesota is set to sunset supervision fees in 2029
- Legislation is needed to define and clarify which fees will be sunsetted

Smart Drug Testing (HF 3968/SF 4178)

- Mandatory drug tests often do not serve a supervised individual's specific needs or respond to the nature of a person's conviction
- This bill right-sizes drug testing, encourages steady employment, extends constitutional protections to supervised individuals, and strengthens the relationship between agents and their clients

PRETRIAL

Pretrial Data (HF 1775/SF 1908) *with Pretrial Justice MN Coalition*

- Pretrial transformation can enhance public safety, reduce the number of people unnecessarily languishing in jails, protect constitutional rights, and promote justice
- Reported and available data on the pretrial system is sparse, with no statewide source of information. This bill captures accurate and consistent court data from all 87 counties on key data points

FINES & FEES

Ability to Pay Determinations *with Fines & Fees Justice Center*

- Establishes a clear process and criteria for the court to determine a person's ability to pay fees and requires the court to waive or decrease fees according to a person's ability to pay
- Decreases inequity, justice by geography, and imposition of fees on people unable to pay, and thereby decreases administrative burden of attempting to collect fees that were never going to be paid

End Public Defender Fees (HF 4633) *with Fines & Fees Justice Center*

- The Sixth Amendment guarantees a right to a public defender. By putting a price on this fundamental right, Minnesota punishes poor people and strips away their constitutional protections
- This bill eliminates public defender fees and waives public defender fee debt

DRUG POLICY

Drug Free Zones (SF3207/HF2980) *with Impact MN*

- Clarifies and narrows Minnesota's "drug-free zones" by removing unclear language and shrinking the distance where enhanced drug penalties apply

Collateral Consequences of Drug Convictions (HF 1900/SF 2868) *with Impact MN*

- This bill eliminates the 10-year random drug testing provision that people with a felony drug conviction are subject to when receiving SNAP benefits.
- Removes discriminatory provisions of drug convictions that do not apply to other individuals with felony convictions

PRISON CONDITIONS

Solitary Confinement (HF 1628/SF 207) *with Prison Safety Coalition*

- Solitary confinement can result in severe physical and psychological harm for incarcerated people
- There are effective alternatives to solitary confinement to promote safety in prisons

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY

Cause of Action for Violations of Civil Rights (HF 3414/SF 3629)

- When any government official violates someone's constitutional rights in Minnesota, they deserve a real path to seek justice
- It is a fundamental principle of our democracy that no one is above the law
- This bill is a tool to boost accountability, trust, and integrity