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Overview

This is the public safety comprehensive policy bill.

Article 1: Crime Victim Policy

This article contains provisions relating to crime victims.

Section Description - Article 1: Crime Victim Policy

1 Victim's rights.

Amends the definition of "victim" in the section of law requiring the commissioner of corrections to notify victims of parole review hearings to make the definition consistent with the victims' rights statutes. [H.F. 4019]

2 End-of-confinement review committee.

Permits law enforcement agents and victims to submit written material that is relevant to an offender's risk level to the chair of an end-of-confinement review committee. Requires the commissioner of corrections to provide notice of a predatory offender's risk level assignment to the victim, if requested. [H.F. 3599]

3 Victim notification or petition and release; right to submit statement.

Amends the definition of "victim" in the section of law related to notification of a victim of a petition to commit a person as mentally ill and dangerous or of the release of such a person to make the definition consistent with the victims' rights statutes. [H.F. 4019]

4 Definitions.

Amends the definition of "victim" in the section of law requiring notification of a victim of a petition to civilly commit a person for sex offender treatment or of the release of such a person to make the definition consistent with the victims' rights statutes. [H.F. 4019]

5 **Definitions.**

Defines the term "custodian" for purposes of the Domestic Abuse Act. [H.F. 4101]

6 Filing fee.

Makes a conforming change in the statute addressing orders for protection to remove references to how the person seeking the order and the other party must receive information about when a hearing will take place or that the court issued an order. This type of notice is called "service." Service provisions are moved to a single subdivision. [H.F. 4387]

7 Information on petitioner's location or residence.

Permits a person petitioning for an order for protection, or the custodian of the petitioner's minor children, to make the location or residence of the petitioner's minor children not accessible to the public. **[H.F. 4101]**

8 Order for protection.

Requires a person petitioning for an order for protection to state whether the petitioner has any minor children and, if so, the name of any custodian of the children and the location or residence of the custodian. Prohibits rejecting or denying a petition on the grounds that it does not contain this information. [H.F. 4101]

9 Hearing on application; notice.

Requires that notice of a hearing for an order for protection be served on any custodian of the petitioner's minor children. **[H.F. 4101]**

10 Subsequent orders and extensions.

Requires notice to the custodian when an order for protection is extended or renewed. [H.F. 4101]

11 Ex parte order.

Requires the custodian of a petitioner's minor children to be served with any ex parte order for protection. Service may be by mail. Also requires that a custodian must be sent notice that an order has expired. [H.F. 4101]

12 Service; alternate service; publication; notice.

Authorizes service of a petition for an order for protection and any order issued to be served electronically or by mail if a respondent appears remotely for a hearing and the respondent is informed that the court will issue an order for protection against the respondent. Also requires that service of an order for protection be served on the custodian of the petitioner's minor children. [H.F.4101/4387]

13 Short-form notification.

Makes conforming changes and provides that the short-form notification does not apply to the notification of the custodian of a petitioner's minor children. [H.F. 4101]

14 Assistance of sheriff; possession of dwelling or residence.

Makes a conforming change in the statute addressing orders for protection to remove references to how the person seeking the order and the other party must receive

information about when a hearing will take place or that the court issued an order. This type of notice is called "service." Service provisions are moved to a single subdivision. [H.F. 4387]

15 Personal service; procedures; cost; reasonable efforts and cooperation required.

Consolidates service requirements in the statute addressing orders for protection into a single subdivision. Requires peace officers, probation officers, court services officers, parole officers, and employees of jail or correctional facilities to provide any sheriff or other officer attempting to effectuate service of an order for protection with relevant information regarding where a respondent may be found. Requires a sheriff or other law enforcement officer attempting to serve a respondent with an order for protection or related document to make reasonable efforts to locate the respondent. Requires the sheriff or other officer serving an order to provide a copy of the served order or notification of service to the respondent's probation officer. Also permits certain individuals to serve orders for protection on the custodian of a petitioner's minor children. [H.F. 4101/4387]

16 Modifying or vacating order.

Requires notice of hearings and any order vacating or modifying an order for protection to be served on any custodian of the petitioner's minor children. [H.F. 4101]

17 Notice to custodian; failure not a bar to enforcement.

Establishes that the failure to notify the custodian of a petitioner's minor children of the existence of any order for protection does not prevent enforcement of the order. [H.F. 4101]

18 Competency of witnesses.

Prohibits a domestic abuse advocate from disclosing any opinion or information about a victim that the advocate acquired in the advocate's professional capacity unless the victim consents to the disclosure. [H.F. 3509]

19 Costs of medical examination.

Classifies data related to a request for reimbursement for a sexual assault examination as private data on individuals. [H.F. 4019]

20 Filing fee.

Makes a conforming change in the statute addressing harassment restraining orders to remove references to how the person seeking the order and the other party must receive information about when a hearing will take place or that the court issued an order. This type of notice is called "service." Service provisions are moved to a single subdivision. [H.F. 4387]

21 Restraining order.

Authorizes service of a petition for a harassment restraining order and any order issued to be served electronically or by mail if a respondent appears remotely for a hearing and the

respondent is informed that the court will issue a harassment restraining order against the respondent. [H.F. 4387]

22 Personal service; procedures; cost; reasonable efforts and cooperation required.

Consolidates service requirements in the statute addressing harassment restraining orders into a single subdivision. Requires peace officers, probation officers, court services officers, parole officers, and employees of jail or correctional facilities to provide any sheriff or other officer attempting to effectuate service of a harassment restraining order with relevant information regarding where a respondent may be found. Requires a sheriff or other law enforcement officer attempting to serve a respondent with a harassment restraining order or related document to make reasonable efforts to locate the respondent. Requires the sheriff or other officer serving an order to provide a copy of the served order or notification of service to the respondent's probation officer. [H.F. 4387]

23 Dismissals.

Authorizes orders for dismissal of a temporary restraining order or a restraining order to be served personally or by certified mail. [H.F. 4387]

24 Notice required.

Eliminates language in section of law addressing notice in the victims' rights chapter that is inconsistent with the definition of "victim" that applies to the statute. Clarifies that the general definition applies to this section. **[H.F. 4019]**

25 Notice of end-of-confinement review committee process and opportunity to provide input.

Requires the commissioner of corrections to make a good faith effort to notify a victim of an end-of-confinement review process for a predatory offender and requires notice of the victim's right to submit written input. Provides that the victim's right is continuing if the committee receives a request to reassess a predatory offender's assigned risk level. States that notices must only be provided to victims who have submitted a written request to receive notices. Requires the good faith effort to notify the victim to take place before the offender's end-of-confinement review hearing. **[H.F. 3599]**

26 Grants.

Amends the eligibility requirements for grants to programs for sexual assault primary prevention to include awards for statewide organizations to provide subgrants, support, resources, and technical assistance to sexual assault programs that provide primary prevention services. [H.F. 3620]

27 Collateral source.

Removes voluntary gifts and donations from the category of benefits paid or given to a victim that can be considered a collateral source for purposes of receiving payment under the Crime Victims Reimbursement Act. [H.F. 4019]

28 Victim.

Amends the definition of "victim" in the Crime Victim Oversight Act to be consistent with the definition used in other victims' rights statutes. **[H.F. 4019]**

29 **Definitions.**

Defines "victim" for purposes of the statute addressing the arrest of certain persons suspected of committing an offense involving domestic violence, setting bail for those individuals, and authorizing no contact orders. [H.F. 4019]

30 Notice to victim regarding bail hearing.

Makes a conforming change related to the amended definition of "victim." [H.F. 4019]

31 Notice to victim regarding bail hearings of arrested or detained person.

Defines the term "victim" for purposes of the statute to be consistent with the definition used in other victims' rights statutes and makes conforming changes. [H.F. 4019]

32 Oral notice.

Defines the term "victim" for purposes of the statute to be consistent with the definition used in other victims' rights statutes and makes conforming changes. [H.F. 4019]

33 **Definition.**

Defines the term "victim" for purposes of the statute to be consistent with the definition used in other victims' rights statutes. **[H.F. 4019]**

Article 2: Criminal Justice Reform

This article makes changes to criminal justice policy.

Section Description - Article 2: Criminal Justice Reform

1 Time limit.

Establishes that the two-year limit on when a person can bring a petition for postconviction relief does not apply if newly discovered evidence provides the factual predicate for one or more claims for relief. Removes the requirement that newly discovered evidence establishes that a petitioner is innocent of an offense by the clear and convincing standard. [H.F. 2400]

2 Pleadings and practice after filing a postconviction petition.

Extends the deadline for a county attorney to respond to a petition for postconviction relief from 20 days to 45 days. [H.F. 2400]

Section Description - Article 2: Criminal Justice Reform

3 Person providing assistance; immunity from prosecution.

Amends Minnesota's "Good Samaritan" law related to assisting someone experiencing a drug-related overdose to include immunity for individuals acting in concert with the person who makes the emergency call. **[H.F. 3812]**

4 Stay of sentence maximum periods.

Establishes that the exception to the length of probation that permits extended periods of probation for certain serious offenses also applies to a felony-level attempt or conspiracy to complete one of those crimes. Specifies that the exception allowing a longer period of probation also applies to first-degree murder. [H.F. 3369]

5 Life sentences; minimum term of imprisonment.

Makes a technical correction to a statutory cross reference. [H.F. 3614]

6 Eligibility; certain criminal proceedings.

Amends the automatic expungement provisions to specify that the gross misdemeanor offense of causing death or great bodily harm while driving recklessly is not eligible for automatic expungement. Specifies that certain third-degree burglary offenses are eligible for automatic expungement. [H.F. 4641]

7 Certain criminal proceedings.

Specifies that the waiting period before a person can file a petition for expungement in a felony case is four years if the person received a stay of imposition for an offense listed in the statute and five years for an offense that is not listed. Corrects an internal cross reference. Clarifies that offering a forged check should be treated in the same manner as check forgery. [H.F. 3614/4641]

8 Criminal sexual conduct; mentally incapacitated; asleep or not conscious.

Establishes that a charge of criminal sexual conduct may be brought in the county where any element of the alleged offense took place or where the complainant is found in cases where the complainant was mentally incapacitated or physically helpless as the result of being asleep or not conscious. [H.F. 4538]

Article 3: Public Safety Policy

This article contains provisions relating to public safety policy, including policing.

1 Prohibited conduct.

Adds the crime of aggravated first-degree witness tampering to the list of offenses described as crimes against a person that justify disciplinary action against any unlicensed complementary and alternative health care practitioner. [H.F. 3554]

2 Board of Peace Officers Standards and Training; receipt of complaint.

Provides that, when the Peace Officer Standards and Training Board receives a complaint alleging a violation of statute or rule that the board is empowered to enforce, the board's executive director may order an appropriate law enforcement agency to conduct an inquiry and requires such an agency to submit a written report. Under current law, the executive director must designate a law enforcement agency to investigate the complaint and the investigating agency must submit a written report. [H.F. 3958]

3 Railroad peace officers.

Subd. 1. Chief law enforcement officer. Requires a railroad that intends to employ peace officers to appoint a chief law enforcement officer (CLEO) to oversee the peace officers and take responsibility for those officers. Requires a CLEO to be a Minnesota licensed peace officer.

Subd. 2. Railroad; employment of peace officers. Permits a railroad to employ railroad peace officers after appointing a CLEO. Railroad peace officers have the ability to work for the protection of property owned, or in the care or custody, of a railroad and to protect persons and property of railroad passengers and employees.

Subd. 3. Responsibilities of railroad company. Requires a railroad that employs peace officers to cooperate with the Board of Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST board) with respect to the board's authority to oversee peace officer licensing. Such a railroad must respond to requests from the POST board and produce any relevant information and data that the board requests. Failure to comply can result in sanctions against the railroad.

Subd. 4. Duties of railroad chief law enforcement officer. Establishes that a railroad CLEO has the same duties and responsibilities as any other CLEO, including supervising officers, ensuring ongoing training, and maintaining records.

Subd. 5. Authority; limitation. Establishes that railroad peace officers have the powers and duties of other peace officers on railroad property. Requires railroad peace officers to coordinate with local peace officers. Prohibits railroads from directing, requiring, or allowing railroad peace officers to investigate violations of a railroad rule, policy, or procedure that are unrelated to a criminal offense or to any incident involving civil litigation. Directs the railroads to update their policies and share those updates with labor organizations. Provides that peace officers who violate the restrictions are subject to discipline as though they violated the peace officer standards of conduct.

Subd. 6. Licensing. Establishes that peace officers employed by a railroad are eligible for licensing as Minnesota peace officers under the same standards as other Minnesota peace officers.

Subd. 7. Immediate suspension of authority. Authorizes the POST board to revoke the license of a railroad peace officer or the railroad CLEO. Establishes that, if the board revokes the license of the CLEO, the other officers must be placed on inactive status or have their licenses revoked. Provides an exception for the license of an officer who is employed by a different law enforcement agency in Minnesota.

Subd. 8. Compensation; benefits; fees. Provides that compensation for railroad peace officers is the responsibility of the railroad.

Subd. 9. Railroad liability. Establishes that liability for actions by railroad peace officers are subject to the privileges and immunities of other peace officers. Establishes that railroads are liable for the actions of railroad peace officers and must indemnify such officers consistent with the indemnification by an employer of other peace officers in the state.

Subd. 10. Construction. Provides that nothing in this section restricts the rights, powers, or privileges granted to peace officers who are not railroad peace officers. **[H.F. 1718]**

4 Definition.

Adds the crime of aggravated first-degree witness tampering to the list of offenses in the definition of "crime against the person" for the purposes of the statutes addressing predatory offender registration. [H.F. 3554]

5 Required fingerprinting.

Corrects a statutory cross reference. [H.F. 3614]

6 **Definitions.**

Adds senior citizens with certain cognitive impairments to the definition of "endangered" in the section that requires alerts when individuals are classified as missing endangered. [H.F. 1829]

7 Protective agent.

Requires a company providing guards or other personnel to transport a person arrested on warrant to have a protective agent license unless the transporter is a corrections agent, law enforcement agent, or emergency responder. [H.F. 4591]

8 Basis for action.

Requires the Private Detectives Board to revoke, suspend, or refuse to issue or reissue a license if the license holder provides guards to transport a person arrested on a warrant and any employee commits an act that would constitute criminal sexual

conduct in Minnesota or any act that involved the use of unreasonable force on a person being transported. [H.F. 4591]

9 Administrative penalties.

Establishes a minimum penalty of \$10,000 for a private agent if an employee of the license holder commits an act that would constitute criminal sexual conduct in Minnesota or any act that involved the use of unreasonable force on a person being transported. [H.F. 4591]

10 Definition.

Adds the crime of aggravated first-degree witness tampering to the list of offenses in the definition of "violent crime" for purposes of increasing sentences for certain dangerous and repeat felony offenders. [H.F. 3554]

11 Definitions.

Makes technical changes for clarity in the definitions section of the "organized retail theft" offense. [H.F. 3614]

12 Organized retail theft.

Makes technical changes for clarity in the "organized retail theft" offense. [H.F. 3614]

13 Sale of calcified human remains.

Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines the term "human remains" to include the calcified portion of a dead human body, not including isolated teeth; the cremated remains of a dead human body deposited in a container; or the hydrolyzed remains of a dead human body deposited in a container. Also defines "law enforcement agency," "local organization for emergency management," and "search and rescue unit."

Subd. 2. Sale of calcified human remains; donation and reimbursement. Provides that the sale of calcified human remains, or offering to sell calcified human remains, is prohibited. Establishes exceptions including donation to a licensed health care provider or postsecondary educational institution for legitimate medical, scientific, or educational purposes; donation to law enforcement agencies, search and rescue units, and local organizations for emergency management to conduct search and rescue training or to train search and rescue dogs; and sale that is incidental to the sale of real property. Provides that nothing in the section prohibits a person from recovering reasonable expenses for the processing, preservation, quality control, storage, transportation, or final disposition of human remains for the legitimate purposes as described in the section.

Subd. 3. Penalty. Establishes that violation of this section is a felony.

[H.F. 3490]

14 Peace officer.

Amends the definition of "peace officer" in the sections of law regarding search warrants to include railroad peace officers. **[H.F. 1718]**

15 **Definitions.**

Amends the definition of "peace officer" in the sections of law regarding search warrants to include railroad peace officers. [H.F. 1718]

16 Establishment and membership.

Changes the name of the Ensuring Police Excellence and Improving Community Relations Advisory Council to the Public Safety Advisory Council. [H.F. 4414]

17 Training in excited delirium and similar terms prohibited.

Defines the term "excited delirium." Prohibits the Peace Officer Standards and Training Board (POST Board) from granting continuing education credit to a course that includes training on the detection or use of the term excited delirium, prohibits the board from reimbursing a law enforcement agency for a course that includes such training, and prohibits law enforcement agencies from providing any course to peace officers that includes training on excited delirium. [H.F. 4118]

18 Report on alleged misconduct; database; report.

Makes conforming changes related to changing the name of the Ensuring Police Excellence and Improving Community Relations Advisory Council to the Public Safety Advisory Council. **[H.F. 4414]**

19 Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Tribe; coast guard services; grant purposes expansion.

Expands the authorized use of money appropriated in fiscal year 2024 and issued as a grant to the Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa for equipment, personnel, and other costs related to providing coast guard services off the north shore of Lake Superior. **[H.F. 3650]**

Article 4: Predatory Offenders

This article has provisions related to predatory offender registration and notification.

Section Description - Article 4: Predatory Offenders

1 Definitions.

Defines the terms "conservator," "guardian," and "power of attorney" for purposes of the statutes governing predatory offender registration. [H.F. 4020]

Section Description - Article 4: Predatory Offenders

2 Registration required.

Removes the offense of false imprisonment of someone else's child from the list of offenses that require registration as a predatory offender. Clarifies that disseminating a pornographic work involving a minor requires registration. [H.F. 3555]

3 Registration procedure.

Amends the methods the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension can use to verify that a person required to register as a predatory offender is living at an address in a new state and allows the bureau to determine if the evidence is sufficient to confirm the person's new residence. **[H.F. 4020]**

4 Guardians, conservators, and power of attorney.

Authorizes the guardian or conservator for, or power of attorney of, a person required to register as a predatory offender to complete all verification and registration paperwork on behalf of the person. [H.F. 4020]

5 Registration period.

Amends the standard for restarting the ten-year registration period so that the registration period starts over based on a conviction for a new offense that requires registration instead of any new offense. [H.F. 3555]

6 Law enforcement agency; disclosure of information to public.

Requires a law enforcement agency in the area where a predatory offender who has been assigned to risk level II resides, expects to reside, is employed, or is regularly found to disclose information that is relevant and necessary to counteract the offender's dangerousness to public officials who are likely to visit the offender's home in the course of the official's duties, including property assessors, property inspectors, and code enforcement officials. [H.F. 229]

7 Continuance.

Permits a court to extend a continuance in certain juvenile delinquency cases involving sexual assault and similar conduct for successive periods that do not exceed a total of 24 months so that the offender can receive sex offender treatment. Requires the consent of the prosecutor to extend the continuance. A continuance permits a court to exercise jurisdiction over a juvenile without a finding of delinquency. Under current law, a court can issue a single continuance of 180 days. **[H.F. 3555]**

Article 5: Corrections Policy

This article contains provisions related to corrections and correctional facilities.

Section Description - Article 5: Corrections Policy

1 Public benefit data.

Amends the situations where the Department of Corrections can disclose the city and zip code of an offender to a victim when the offender is released from a DOC facility. Eliminates the requirements that the victim have been a household or family member of the offender, the offense was a qualified domestic violence-related offense against the victim seeking the information, the victim made a written or electronic request, and the offender was under correctional supervision at the time of the request. [H.F. 4048]

2 Correctional facilities; inspection; licensing.

Provides that the access a commissioner has to the buildings, grounds, books, records, staff, and persons incarcerated in a facility is not limited by the classification of data in chapter 13 or any other provision in law. Establishes that failure to provide or grant access to relevant information may be grounds for the commissioner to take licensing action. [H.F. 4048]

3 State correctional facilities security audit group.

Amends the membership of the security audit group to remove a physical plant safety consultant and a private security consultant and add an individual with expertise in security related to infrastructure and operational logistics of correctional facilities, the commissioner of health or a designee, and the commissioner of administration or a designee. Establishes that the ombudsperson for corrections or a designee must chair the group. Requires the group to submit a report whenever it updates security audit standards and requires the group to meet twice a year and make recommendations within 60 days of a meeting. Establishes that the audit group is not subject to chapter 13D. Further provides that the terms and removal of members are subject to section 15.059, members are eligible for reimbursement but not compensation, and the group does not expire. [H.F. 3937]

4 Health care peer review committee.

Amends the membership of the health care peer review committee to remove the director of health services, allow the department director of nursing to appoint a designee, and include additional members. [H.F. 4048]

5 Health care decisions.

Allows the medical director of the DOC to designate a person, who must be a physician, to make a health care decision for certain inmates. Currently statute limits the authority to the medical director of the DOC. [H.F. 4048]

6 Use of force.

Eliminates the requirement that a correctional officer who uses force must be the person who can articulate the threat with specificity. [H.F. 4048]

7 Supervised release, life and indeterminate sentences.

Allows the supervised release board to meet in closed session to receive and review a victim's statement. [H.F. 4048]

Section Description - Article 5: Corrections Policy

8 Offenders not eligible.

Amends the limit on offenders who can be placed in the challenge incarceration program to remove the prohibitions for individuals with certain medical conditions and the responsibility of the DOC to identify disqualifying medical conditions. [H.F. 4048]

9 Commissioner of corrections; report.

Amends the requirements for the DOC to report on information on individuals on probation by requiring that the report be made by May 1 of each year (instead of January 15) and removing references to recommended methods of coordinating the exchange of information between probation service providers and between probation service providers and the DOC. **[H.F. 4048]**

10 Definitions.

Defines "local advisory board" for purposes of the Community Corrections Act. [H.F. 4048]

11 Petition; contents; fee.

Authorizes a supervising agent or the commissioner of corrections to provide a prosecutor with private or confidential data for purposes of a petition for sentence adjustment. [H.F. 4048]

12 Offender location.

Consistent with section 1 of the bill, amends the situations where the Department of Corrections can disclose the city and zip code of an offender to a victim when the offender is released from a DOC facility. Eliminates the requirements that the victim have been a household or family member of the offender, the offense was a qualified domestic violence-related offense against the victim seeking the information, the victim made a written or electronic request, and the offender was under correctional supervision at the time of the request. [H.F. 4048]

13 Procedure on receipt of request.

Eliminates the requirement that the DOC send a certification of the term of commitment an offender is serving and related information by both electronic means and mail when an imprisoned person requests disposition of an untried matter, allowing the DOC to provide the information either by electronic means or mail. [H.F. 4048]



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