

## MEMORANDUM

To: Chair and Members, Conference Committee on House File 2432  
From: Nate Reitz, MSGC Executive Director  
Date: May 8, 2025  
Subject: **MSGC Recommendations to the H.F. 2432 Conference Committee**

The Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission—a thirteen-member body comprising representatives of the judiciary, defense, prosecution, police, corrections, probation, rehabilitation services, academia, victims, former felons, and the public—has a standing mandate to “make recommendations to the legislature regarding changes in the Criminal Code, criminal procedures, and other aspects of sentencing.”

Pursuant to that mandate, the Commission respectfully makes the following unanimous recommendations to the Conference Committee on House File 2432:

- The Commission supports the **creation of a Task Force on Mandatory Minimum Sentences**. This task force will review Minnesota’s various mandatory-minimum penalties—which have grown in number and severity over several decades—in a data-driven and results-based manner, with input from the various stakeholders affected by these mandatory sentences. This is a worthwhile process, and the Commission is pleased to support the task force’s creation. (*H.F. 2432-1UE, art. 2, § 20.*)
- If the Legislature creates a new level of felony **Coercion** for threats to disseminate private sexual images resulting in great bodily harm or death, the Commission recommends that the two levels of harm—great bodily harm and death—be assigned **separately numbered paragraphs or clauses**. The Commission ranks the severity of new crimes based, in part, on the level of harm, and dramatically different levels of harm combined in one paragraph or clause present a ranking challenge for the Commission. (*H.F. 2432-1UE, art. 4, § 14.*)
- If the Legislature assigns a mandatory-minimum penalty for **Sex Trafficking First Degree**, the Commission recommends assigning a **90-month, rather than 120-month, mandatory-minimum** penalty. This would align the new mandatory-minimum penalty scheme for Aggravated Sex Trafficking First Degree (144 months, ranked at Severity Level A) and Sex Trafficking First Degree (90 months, ranked at Severity Level B) with the existing mandatory-minimum penalty scheme for all First Degree Criminal Sexual Conduct offenses (144 months, ranked at Severity Level A) and several Second-Degree Criminal Conduct offenses (90 months, ranked at Severity Level B). (*H.F. 2432-3E, line 49.16.*)