

Chapter 119

2026 Regular Session

Subject State Government**Bill** H.F. 4591**Analyst** Colbey Sullivan**Date** June 10, 2026

Overview

This is the 2026 supplemental state government finance and policy act. Among other things, this act modifies funding levels for certain state agencies, appropriates money for grants to certain public radio and television stations, establishes a memorial state park working group, allows state agencies to round cash transactions to the nearest nickel, requires the Department of Administration to develop a fraud risk rating system for state grantees, requires agencies to provide a concise summary page for all state grant opportunities, and modifies laws that govern licensed barbers and cosmetologists.

Governor Tim Walz signed this act into law on May 27, 2026.

Article 1: State Government Appropriations

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| 1 | <p>Commissioner of Management and Budget</p> <p>Reduces a 2023 appropriation to Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB) to establish the Department of Children, Youth, and Families.</p> <p>Effective date: this section took effect on May 28, 2026 (i.e., the day after final enactment).</p> |
| 2 | <p>Inspector general.</p> <p>Increases an appropriation enacted earlier this session (chapter 92) for the new Office of the Inspector General.</p> |
| 3 | <p>Human Services.</p> <p>Reduces an appropriation to the Department of Human Services that was included in the act that established a state Office of the Inspector General.</p> |

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- 4 **Education.**
Modifies the act that established a state Office of the Inspector General by adding an appropriation to the Minnesota Department of Education for data sharing preparation.
- 5 **Minnesota IT Services.**
Modifies the act that established a state Office of the Inspector General by adding an appropriation to Minnesota Information Technology Services to support state agency data sharing.
- 6 **Appropriations; Department of Administration.**
Appropriates money to the Department of Administration for grants to named public television stations and to the Association of Minnesota Public Educational Radio Stations.
- 7 **Appropriation; Melissa and Mark Hortman Memorial State Park Working Group.**
Appropriates money to the Legislative Coordinating Commission to support the working group established in article 2.

Article 2: State Government Policy

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- 1 **Continuing operations in advance of legislative organization.**
Authorizes the secretary of the senate and the chief clerk of the house of representatives to take specified actions and conduct other duties necessary to maintain orderly legislative operations during the period beginning with the commencement of a new term and ending when the applicable house has duly organized.
- 2 **Successors.**
Provides that the last elected chief clerk and secretary of the senate must continue to exercise their duties until a successor is elected and qualified.
- 3 **Distribution of reports.**
Requires executive branch agencies to submit mandated reports to the members of legislative committees electronically.

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4 Expiration.

Extends the expiration date for the Legislative Commission on Cybersecurity from December 31, 2028, to December 31, 2035.

5 Legislative manual.

Reduces the number of copies of the legislative manual (aka the “Blue Book”) that the secretary of state must print and distribute from 10,000 to 5,000 and reduces the number the secretary must provide to certain officials and entities. Eliminates the requirement to distribute the manual to each school. Modifies the requirement to identify in the manual where the state’s elected officials reside.

6 Submission of recommendations and determination.

Gives the Compensation Council one additional month to deliberate and determine the salaries of constitutional officers, commissioners and other agency heads, and the chairs of the Metropolitan Council and the Metropolitan Airports Commission, and to prescribe the daily compensation rate for voting members of the Direct Care and Treatment executive board, by moving the deadline from April 1 to May 1 each odd-numbered year.

7 Cash transaction rounding.

Allows state agencies, and parties authorized to engage in transactions on behalf of state agencies, to round cash transactions as follows: when the transaction amount ends in 1, 2, 6, or 7 cents, the agency must round down to the nearest nickel; when it ends in 3, 4, 8, or 9 cents, the agency must round up to the nearest nickel. Clarifies that this rounding does not apply to electronic and other noncash payments. Requires agencies that engage in cash transactions to establish and post a rounding policy that is consistent with this section.

Effective date: this section took effect on May 28, 2026 (i.e., the day after final enactment).

8 Duties.

Requires the Department of Administration’s Office of Grants Management to implement a fraud risk rating system for state grantees that is informed by the principles of vendor risk management.

Effective date: this section is effective February 1, 2028.

9 Duties.

Requires the Department of Administration to provide a template summary page for use by agencies that award grants. The template must accompany requests for proposals and prompt grantmaking agencies to provide summary information

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- regarding the purpose of the grant program, applicant eligibility, funding availability and award structure, grant administration requirements, and the application process.
- 10 **General.**
Eliminates a requirement that MMB include a high-deductible option in the health insurance plans offered to those state employees whose benefits are determined by MMB's nonrepresented employees compensation plan or managerial plan. Requires MMB to notify leaders of the state government finance committees if MMB elects to eliminate the high-deductible plan for these employees.
- 11 **Distribution.**
Modifies eligibility for block grants awarded by the Department of Administration to public television stations in Minnesota to reflect the dissolution of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.
- 12 **Eligibility.**
Modifies eligibility for noncommercial radio station grants awarded by the Minnesota Department of Administration. Under prior law, stations eligible for noncommercial radio grants were required to employ at least two full-time radio professionals or their part-time equivalent, and agree to employ at least the same number of professionals throughout the fiscal year of the grant. This section lowers this number to 1.5 full-time professionals or their part-time equivalent.
- 13 **Contracts for historic site management.**
Allows the Minnesota Historical Society (MNHS) to contract with any person or entity for the management and operation of state historic sites. Under prior law, MNHS was authorized to contract with counties, municipalities, and local historical societies for this purpose.

Effective date: this section took effect on May 28, 2026 (i.e., the day after final enactment).
- 14 **Effective date.**
Modifies the effective date for a provision in the act that established the state Office of the Inspector General so that the Compensation Council can set the initial salary for the position of inspector general before January 1.

Effective date: this section took effect on May 28, 2026 (i.e., the day after final enactment).
- 15 **Melissa and Mark Hortman Memorial State Park Working Group.**
Establishes the Melissa and Mark Hortman Memorial State Park Working Group and specifies its membership. Requires the working group to submit recommendations to

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the legislature by February 1, 2027, regarding the creation of a new state park to honor former speaker of the house Melissa Hortman and her husband Mark. Tasks the Legislative Coordinating Commission with providing administrative support to the working group.

Effective date: this section took effect on May 28, 2026 (i.e., the day after final enactment).

Article 3: Board of Barber Examiners

This article modifies statutes pertaining to the Board of Barber Examiners' licensing and regulation of the barbering profession. Among other things, this article repeals several administrative rules promulgated by the Board of Barber Examiners and codifies similar standards and requirements in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 154.

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| 1 | Board of Barber Examiners.
Eliminates specific qualifications previously required of two of the four barber members of the board. |
| 2 | Fees.
Modifies the list of regulatory fees that the board must assess. Modifies the examination fee for registered barbers and lowers the fee amount. Eliminates a \$10 examination retake fee. Adds an \$80 initial barber registration fee. Provides that if the board utilizes an examination provider and that provider charges a fee, the barber examinee must pay the fee directly to the provider, and this fee is separate from those assessed by the board. |
| 3 | Registration mandatory.
Removes references to specific statutes within Minnesota Statutes, chapter 154. |
| 4 | What constitutes barbering.
States that hair removal via waxing is not barbering for purposes of chapter 154. Provides that shaving the face or neck via straight razor or other tool does constitute barbering. Removes references to specific statutes. |
| 5 | Certificate of registration.
Removes references to specific statutes. |

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- 6 **Straight razor.**
Defines straight razor for purposes of chapter 154 (see section 4).
- 7 **Waxing.**
Defines waxing for purposes of chapter 154 (see section 4).
- 8 **Who may receive certificates of registration as a registered barber.**
Modifies education, age, and examination criteria for barber registration. Eliminates additional education requirements for first-time applicants who fail the comprehensive examination and a onetime retake.
- 9 **Admission requirements; course of instruction.**
Modifies eligibility criteria for board-approved barber schools.
- 10 **Application review process.**
Requires the board to conduct a public meeting when considering an application to establish a barber school. Requires the applicant to demonstrate that its application contents are accurate and that the applicant has sufficient financial resources. Authorizes the board to deny a school's application if the school's financial resources would be insufficient to maintain and operate the school and stay open long enough for all registered students to graduate.
- 11 **Application; fee.**
Allows a barber examination applicant to apply either to the board or a board-approved examination provider. Requires the applicant to file an application with the board no later than the 20th day of the month prior to the month that the practical portion of the exam will be administered.
- 12 **Examinations, conduct and scope.**
Modifies requirements for the mandatory barber examination. Eliminates additional education requirements for certain barber students. Requires individuals seeking reciprocity and those who fail to renew their registration for four or more years to purchase and complete a board-approved home study program. Modifies examination content and grading requirements. Specifies retake requirements for those who fail all or a portion of the examination.
- 13 **Examination of nonresidents.**
Removes references to specific statutes.

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| 14 | Examination of cosmetologists.
Specifies education requirements specific to cosmetologists who apply for barber registration. |
| 15 | Repealer.
Repeals rules of the Board of Barber Examiners that govern barber examination dates, applications, content, grading, and failure, and other barber registration requirements. |

Article 4: Board of Cosmetologist Examiners

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| 1 | Board of Cosmetologist Examiners created; terms.
Modifies the membership of the Board of Cosmetologist Examiners by requiring the esthetician on the board to be an advanced practice esthetician. Eliminates a requirement that board members in licensed occupations have graduated from high school or have equivalent education. Makes technical changes. |
| 2 | Cosmetologist.
Modifies the definition of cosmetologist. |
| 3 | Esthetician.
Modifies the definition of an esthetician to specify that the practice is directed to the cosmetic care of the stratum corneum of the epidermal layer of the skin. |
| 4 | Manager.
Makes a technical conforming change. |
| 5 | Salon.
Modifies the definition of “salon” to include only indoor areas. |
| 6 | School.
Modifies the definition of “school” to mean a place where cosmetology instruction or training is offered to the public for compensation. Modifies the exclusion for certain places and programs. |
| 7 | School administrator.
Defines this term for purposes of chapter 155A. |

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- 8 **Practitioner.**
Adds “advanced practice esthiology” to the definition of practitioner for purposes of chapter 155A.
- 9 **Schedule.**
Adds a penalty for an expired instructor that is found on inspection. Eliminates certain fees.
- 10 **Other licenses.**
Requires a licensee to pay application and renewal fees for each type of license held, except for an instructor who holds a manager or operator license.
- 11 **Board must approve or deny application; timeline.**
Clarifies that fees only need to be paid if required to apply for or renew an individual or salon license.
- 12 **Temporary military license or expedited license.**
Clarifies that temporary military license or expedited license fees only need to be paid if required to apply for or renew an individual or salon license.
- 13 **Temporary military license.**
Adds eyelash technician, esthetician and advanced practice esthetician licenses to those that the board must offer on a temporary basis to active duty military members, the spouse of an active duty military member, or a veteran who has left service within the preceding two years with an honorable or general discharge. Provides that a temporary license is valid for three years and may only be issued once per applicant.
- 14 **Instructor license renewal.**
Requires the board to synchronize the expiration date of an operator or salon manager license with the expiration date of an instructor license so that both expire on the same date for a licensee. Prevents the board from charging a fee to renew an operator or manager license if the person is paying to renew their instructor license.

Effective date: this section is effective January 1, 2028.
- 15 **Nonresident licenses.**
Adds practice categories to the list of practices for which a nonresident can obtain a license, if the licensee meets certain educational requirements and passes certain examinations. Makes technical and conforming changes.

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- 16 **Reciprocity for barbers.**
Allows registered barbers to be credited for 500 hours toward the hours of study required for a license in cosmetology or hair technology, after meeting certain conditions.

Effective date: this section is effective January 1, 2027.
- 17 **Continuing education providers.**
Makes technical changes.
- 18 **Requirements.**
Makes technical changes.
- 19 **Applications.**
Changes the list of promotional and informational materials that a school must provide to the board as part of its school license application and eliminates a requirement to submit any new or amended materials annually. Requires schools to provide the board with materials used for prospective student enrollment, including the enrollment contract, the student handbooks, and tuition and fee information.
- 20 **Verification of application.**
Specifies who, on behalf of a school in the Minnesota State colleges and universities system, may sign an application for a school license. Eliminates the list of authorized signatories, based on the type of business ownership, and replaces this with “school administrator,” as defined in section 7 above.
- 21 **Conditions precedent to issuance.**
Makes technical changes.
- 22 **Fees; renewals.**
Makes technical changes.
- 23 **Inspections.**
Makes technical changes.
- 24 **List of licensed schools; availability.**
Makes technical changes.
- 25 **School and salon separation.**
Adds requirements for maintaining separation in providing services through a salon or business that is on the same premises of a school. Prohibits salon or business staff

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- from providing services or training in the school space, and staff and students of the school from providing services or training in the salon space.
- 26 **Instruction requirement.**
Allows a school to offer online instruction for theory-based portions of training. Authorizes a school to offer activities related to training for industry education purposes outside of a school building when accompanied by an instructor for a maximum of one percent of the total course training hours.
- 27 **Minnesota state authorization.**
Makes technical changes.
- 28 **Inspections.**
Makes technical changes.
- 29 **Display of license.**
Makes technical changes.
- 30 **Proceedings.**
Makes technical changes.
- 31 **Legal actions.**
Makes technical changes.
- 32 **Cease and desist orders.**
Makes technical changes.
- 33 **Licensing and registration actions.**
Specifies information that must be included in an order of the board and provides a process for a person to whom an order is issued to request a hearing. If the person submits a timely request for a hearing, the order is stayed pending a final order. Specifies that nothing in the chapter precludes the board from resolving a violation through informal disposition. Makes technical and clarifying changes.
- 34 **Temporary suspension.**
Makes technical changes.
- 35 **Violations; penalties; costs.**
Makes technical changes.

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36 Corrective action.

Provides for corrective action when the board determines an applicant or licensee has violated law or an order. Lists required contents for an agreement for corrective action between the board and the applicant or licensee. Allows the board to determine whether the applicant or licensee has successfully performed the corrective action after the person submits a request for dismissal that documents successful performance. Specifies that an agreement under this section is public data. Authorizes the board to assess a fee to the applicant or licensee for costs related to the corrective action, and the fee must be identified in the corrective action agreement. If an applicant or licensee fails to successfully perform corrective action, the matter may be resolved through an enforcement action (i.e., an injunction, license suspension or revocation, censure, reprimand and other license actions, or civil penalty).

37 Revisor instruction.

Directs the revisor of statutes to change the name of the Board of Cosmetologist Examiners to the Board of Cosmetology throughout Minnesota Statutes.

38 Repealer.

Repeals (a) special event permits for nonpermanent manipulation of hair; and (b) a requirement that the board submit quarterly reports to the legislature regarding the board's inspections.



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