

# Legislative Newsletter

April 16, 2021



The House amended and passed a police omnibus bill using a small Senate bill dealing with Giglio-Brady list dealing with police discipline by adding a substantial rewrite of the bill as a vehicle, **Senate File 342**, as the General Assembly moved towards adjournment, probably within the next few weeks.

**House File 698**, the House's Giglio-Brady bill, was first amended to conform to the Senate's Giglio-Brady version. SF 342 had been passed by the Senate and it was anticipated the strike-and-replace amendment the House drafted for it would ultimately be used for the police bill. HF 698 was unanimously amended to conform to SF 342, then the Senate bill was substituted for the House bill.

Then debate started in earnest as the strike-and replace amendment for the entire bill was brought up. The strike-and-replace amendment includes all the Giglio-Brady provisions, including an interim study committee. There are also numerous provisions our team has seen over the course of this legislative session in a variety of bills that address: police qualified immunity; increased penalties for rioting/protesting and blocking or walking on roadways; increased penalties on various types of harassment; increased penalties on eluding unmarked police cars; immunity for drivers who hit protestors who are in the road, and provisions on laser assaults against peace officers.

This also included provisions pertaining to penalizing local governments through state funds for reducing funding for law enforcement and requirements for enforcing state and federal law.

The Safe-At-Home Program, which pertains to the publicly listed information about peace officers, was updated to include judges and prosecutors.

Finally, the bill included window tinting provisions (which had appeared in other bills); provisions on accrued sick leave and workers' compensation (which would not be used as an offset); sheriffs' salaries; and addressed officers carrying firearms in the line of duty.

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The bill as amended passed the House 63-30. Because the House amended what the Senate sent over, the bill has been returned to the Senate for either concurrence or rejection. There is no clear indication what the Senate will do with the bill

Gov. Reynolds signed the following bills this week:

**Senate File 444:** Vehicle licenses and dealer matters. The bill passed both chambers unanimously.

**House File 555:** The natural gas and propane regulations bill. This bill received some contention, passing the House 57-36 and the Senate 29-16.

The following bills were enrolled for the Governor:

**Senate File 234:** This bill requires that a county Class C road designation apply to the entire road between access points. Non-compliant roads must be in compliance by January 2022. This bill passed both chambers unanimously.

**Senate File 554:** This bill would authorize counties to follow the same procedures for acquiring abandoned property that cities use (excluding various farm buildings). This bill passed both chambers unanimously.

**Senate File 357:** This bill pertained to minors in juvenile detention centers. This bill passed both chambers unanimously.

In committee work, the House Appropriations Committee voted to approve **House File 810** (county title powers; passed 18-6).

Successor Bills and Introduced Bills:

House File 810 is now **House File 870**: county title powers.

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