

45.1	(f) Technology and Support Services	6,712,000	6,783,000
45.2	Appropriations by Fund		
45.3		2024	2025
45.4	General	1,645,000	1,684,000
45.5	Trunk Highway	5,067,000	5,099,000

45.6 Sec. 26. **TASK FORCE ON MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCES.**

45.7 Subdivision 1. **Definition.** As used in this section, "mandatory minimum" means
 45.8 legislatively defined, predetermined sentencing requirements, including but not limited to
 45.9 sentencing requirements under Minnesota Statutes, sections 152.021, 152.022, and 609.11,
 45.10 that mandate a minimum period of commitment to the commissioner of corrections upon
 45.11 conviction for certain offenses.

45.12 Subd. 2. **Establishment.** The Task Force on Mandatory Minimum Sentences is
 45.13 established to collect and analyze data on the charging, convicting, and sentencing of persons
 45.14 to mandatory minimum sentences; assess whether current laws and practices promote public
 45.15 safety and equity in sentencing; and make recommendations to the legislature.

45.16 Subd. 3. **Membership.** (a) The task force consists of the following members:

45.17 (1) the commissioner of corrections, or a designee;

45.18 (2) the executive director of the Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission, or a
 45.19 designee;

45.20 (3) the state public defender, or a designee;

45.21 (4) the statewide coordinator of the Violent Crime Coordinating Council, or a designee;

45.22 (5) one defense attorney, appointed by the Minnesota Association of Criminal Defense
 45.23 Lawyers;

45.24 (6) two county attorneys, one from Hennepin or Ramsey County and one from outside
 45.25 the seven-county metropolitan area, appointed by the Minnesota County Attorneys
 45.26 Association;

45.27 (7) a peace officer familiar with shooting investigations, appointed by the Minnesota
 45.28 Sheriffs' Association;

45.29 (8) a peace officer familiar with shooting investigations, appointed by the Minnesota
 45.30 Chiefs of Police Association;

(9) one member representing a victims' rights organization, appointed by the senate majority leader;

(10) one member of a statewide civil rights organization, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

(11) one retired district court judge, appointed by the chief justice;

(12) one impacted person who is directly related to a person who has been convicted of a mandatory minimum sentence or who has themselves been convicted of a mandatory minimum sentence and has completed the sentence, appointed by the governor; and

(13) one person with academic expertise regarding the laws and practices of other states relating to mandatory minimum sentences, appointed by the governor.

(b) Appointments must be made no later than July 30, 2025.

(c) Members shall serve without compensation.

(d) Members of the task force serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority or until the task force expires. Vacancies shall be filled by the appointing authority consistent with the qualifications of the vacating member required by this subdivision.

Subd. 4. **Officers; meetings.** (a) The task force shall elect a chair and vice-chair and may elect other officers as necessary.

(b) The commissioner of corrections shall convene the first meeting of the task force no later than August 1, 2025, and shall provide meeting space and administrative assistance as necessary for the task force to conduct its work.

(c) The task force shall meet at least monthly or upon the call of the chair. The task force shall meet sufficiently enough to accomplish the tasks identified in this section. Meetings of the task force are subject to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13D.

(d) To compile and analyze data, the task force shall request the cooperation and assistance of local law enforcement agencies, the Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission, the judicial branch, the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, county attorneys, and Tribal governments and may request the cooperation of academics and others with experience and expertise in researching the impact of mandatory minimum sentences.

Subd. 5. **Duties.** (a) The task force shall, at a minimum:

(1) collect and analyze data on charges, convictions, and sentences that involve mandatory minimum sentences;

47.1 (2) collect and analyze data on mandatory minimum sentences in which a person received
47.2 a mitigated durational departure because the mandatory minimum sentence was seen as
47.3 inappropriate by a judge or county attorney, or both;

47.4 (3) collect and analyze data on mandatory minimum sentences in which a person likely
47.5 would have received a mitigated durational departure but for the enforcement of a mandatory
47.6 minimum sentence;

47.7 (4) collect and analyze data on charges, convictions, and sentences for codefendants of
47.8 persons sentenced to a mandatory minimum sentence;

47.9 (5) review relevant state statutes and state and federal court decisions;

47.10 (6) receive input from persons who were convicted of a crime with a mandatory minimum
47.11 sentence;

47.12 (7) receive input from family members of persons who were convicted of a crime with
47.13 a mandatory minimum sentence;

47.14 (8) receive input from persons who were victims of crimes with a mandatory minimum
47.15 sentence;

47.16 (9) receive input from family members of persons who were victims of crimes with a
47.17 mandatory minimum sentence;

47.18 (10) analyze the benefits and unintended consequences of state statutes and practices
47.19 related to the charging, convicting, and sentencing of persons of crimes with mandatory
47.20 minimum sentences, including but not limited to an analysis of whether current statutes and
47.21 practices;

47.22 (i) promote public safety; and

47.23 (ii) properly punish a person for that person's role in an offense; and

47.24 (11) make recommendations for legislative action, if any, on laws affecting:

47.25 (i) the collection and reporting of data; and

47.26 (ii) the charging, convicting, and sentencing of persons for crimes with mandatory
47.27 minimum sentences.

47.28 (b) At its discretion, the task force may examine, as necessary, other related issues
47.29 consistent with this section.

Subd. 6. **Report.** On or before August 15, 2026, the task force shall submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over criminal sentencing on the findings and recommendations of the task force.

Subd. 7. **Expiration.** The task force expires the day after submitting the report under subdivision 6.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

ARTICLE 3

FINANCIAL CRIMES AND FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 13.82, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Application.** This section shall apply to agencies which carry on a law enforcement function, including but not limited to municipal police departments, county sheriff departments, fire departments, the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, the Minnesota State Patrol, the Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training, ~~the Department of Commerce,~~ and county human service agency client and provider fraud investigation, prevention, and control units operated or supervised by the Department of Human Services.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 43A.17, subdivision 13, is amended to read:

Subd. 13. **Compensation for law enforcement officers.** (a) For purposes of this subdivision, the term "law enforcement officers" means all licensed peace officers employed by the state who are included in the state units under section 179A.10, subdivision 2, including without limitation: Minnesota State Patrol troopers, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension agents, including Financial Crimes and Fraud Section agents, and Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement agents, in the Department of Public Safety; Department of Natural Resources conservation officers; and Department of Corrections Fugitive Apprehension Unit members; ~~and Commerce Fraud Bureau agents in the Department of Commerce.~~

(b) When the commissioner of management and budget negotiates a collective bargaining agreement establishing compensation for law enforcement officers, the commissioner must use compensation and benefit data from the most recent salary and benefits survey conducted pursuant to section 299D.03, subdivision 2a, to compare salaries to ensure appropriate increases are made to law enforcement officer salaries and benefits.