

## Washtenaw County Residents Protected Under New National Eviction Moratorium

By the Washtenaw County Office of Community and Economic Development - August 5, 2021

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On August 4, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [issued a new eviction moratorium](#) through October 3 for renters living in communities that are experiencing "substantial" and "high" spread of the coronavirus. As of the afternoon of August 4, 2021, local transmission of COVID-19 in Washtenaw County is at a **substantial level**, as defined in the [CDC COVID Data Tracker](#) and thus, residents facing eviction are protected under the National Eviction Moratorium.

Residents are advised to continue to monitor the CDC COVID Data Tracker for updated information on the level of transmission throughout Washtenaw County. The rate of infection will determine if the eviction moratorium will be in effect—the moratorium will no longer be applicable if the County falls below “substantial” for 14 consecutive days. If the County stays at the “substantial” level, then the eviction moratorium will be in effect until October 3, 2021.

“As of yesterday, Washtenaw County moved to the ‘substantial’ level for local COVID transmission,” said Jimena Loveluck, MSW, Health Officer for the Washtenaw County Health Department. “While this is not good news for our COVID trends, it does mean federal eviction protections are in place as an additional public health measure to help prevent the spread of COVID. These protections can help community members stay in their own homes and access rental assistance. It also supports COVID response and recovery by keeping our residents home, where they can more easily isolate or quarantine, if necessary.”

Regardless of the eviction moratorium status in Washtenaw County, rental assistance is available for tenants facing pandemic-related hardships through the COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA) program. CERA is available for income eligible households who have fallen behind on costs associated with rent, utilities, and/or internet bills during the pandemic.

The CERA application can be completed at <http://www.michigan.gov/cera>. For those who are unable to or do not wish to use the online application, paper applications can also be found at [michigan.gov/cera](http://michigan.gov/cera) or by contacting HAWC at (734) 961-1999. Paper applications must be emailed to [hawc.washtenaw@usc.salvationarmy.org](mailto:hawc.washtenaw@usc.salvationarmy.org) or mailed or dropped off at: Housing Access for Washtenaw County, 100 Arbana Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103.

If you need help applying for CERA assistance, please contact HAWC at (734) 961-1999. A user guide is available in English and Spanish for tenants that need assistance with the application process at [www.washtenaw.org/3421/CERA](http://www.washtenaw.org/3421/CERA).

Residents are advised to continue to monitor the Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED)’s website, COVID-19 advisories issued by the Washtenaw County Health Department, and the CDC COVID Data Tracker for updated information on the level of transmission throughout Washtenaw County. The level of transmission will determine if the eviction moratorium will be in effect.



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## MEMORANDUM

To: Supervisor Grewal & Board of Trustees

From: Matthew Harshberger, Director of Public Safety

Date: August 3, 2021

Number: 2021- 0028

RE: Follow-Up Regarding My Application to Eastern Michigan University

I wish to inform you that I was not selected for the Eastern Michigan University Chief's/Director's position. As I indicated in my previous memorandum, I am very happy and committed to continue serving the residents, businesses and visitors of Pittsfield Charter Township as the Director of Public Safety and Chief of Police, and I look forward to continue being a part of Supervisor Grewal's leadership team.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Harshberger", written over a horizontal line.

Matthew E. Harshberger  
Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**FRIDAY, JULY 30, 2021**

**Monica Monsma, MDOT Public Hearings and Involvement Officer, 517-335-4381,  
[MonsmaM@Michigan.gov](mailto:MonsmaM@Michigan.gov)**

**CORRECTION:** The date in the headline has been corrected.

## **MDOT virtual public meeting Aug. 10 to discuss US-23 and US-12 (Michigan Avenue) draft traffic noise report**

### **WHAT:**

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) invites the public to attend a virtual public meeting on the recently completed traffic noise analysis and [draft technical report for the US-23 and US-12 \(Michigan Avenue\)](#) improvement projects in Pittsfield Township. During this virtual meeting, there will be a brief presentation followed by a question-and-answer session.

### **WHO:**

Residents and property owners  
Community stakeholders  
Local businesses  
Interested residents  
MDOT staff and contractors

### **WHEN:**

Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2021  
5 p.m.

### **How:**

[Click here to join the Microsoft Teams Public Meeting](#)

To listen by phone without using Internet, please call 248-509-0316.

Conference 836 508 998#.

**Accommodations can be made for persons who require mobility, visual, hearing, written, or other assistance for participation. Large print materials, auxiliary aids or the services of interpreters, signers, or readers are available upon request. Please contact Orlando Curry at 517-335-4381 or complete Form 2658 for American Sign Language (ASL) located on the Title VI webpage: [www.Michigan.gov/MDOT/0,4616,7-151-9621\\_31783---,00.html](http://www.Michigan.gov/MDOT/0,4616,7-151-9621_31783---,00.html).**

**Requests should be made at least five days prior to the meeting date. Reasonable efforts**

**will be made to provide the requested accommodation or an effective alternative, but accommodations may not be guaranteed.**

### **BACKGROUND:**

An analysis was conducted to assess the traffic noise impacts of the US-23 and US-12 (Michigan Avenue) improvement projects. The [draft technical report](#) and [information on MDOT's noise abatement program](#) are both available on MDOT's website.

The projects include improvements to both US-23 and US-12 (Michigan Avenue), including new travel lanes on US-12 (Michigan Avenue) in both directions beginning just west of the Pittsfield Township police station and extending across US-23 to Carpenter Road. They also include redesigned intersections and a new right-turn lane from eastbound US-12 (Michigan Avenue) to southbound Platt Road.

At the US-23/US-12 (Michigan Avenue) interchange, new loop ramps are being added in the northwest and southeast quadrants to eliminate left-turn movements onto US-23. An auxiliary lane is being added in both directions on US-23 between I-94 and US-12 (Michigan Avenue), and the acceleration/de-acceleration lanes south of US-12 (Michigan Avenue) are being extended.

### **COMMENT FORM:**

Please provide concerns and comments regarding the noise analysis using the [online comment form](#) or by mail, e-mail or phone to MDOT Public Involvement Specialist and Hearings Officer Monica Monsma at [MonsmaM@Michigan.gov](mailto:MonsmaM@Michigan.gov) or:

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MDOT Environmental Services Section  
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July 28, 2021

**VIA ELECTRONIC and FIRST CLASS MAIL**

Mr. Billy Weirich, Utilities Superintendent  
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 **COPY**  
received by JL 8/3

Re: **Water Rate Increase**

Dear Mr. Weirich:

Per Pittsfield Township's water service contract with YCUA, Pittsfield Township shall receive a sixty-day notice of any increase in the water rate charged under the contract. This, therefore, serves as notice to Pittsfield Township that your rate for water service will increase 2% to \$3.48 per 100 cubic feet, effective for all invoices dated on or after October 1, 2021.

For further information, please be advised that the water service rate charged to YCUA by the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) increased 2.01%, effective July 1, 2021.

Information on a change in your sewer rate will be forthcoming under separate correspondence.

If you have any questions or if I can be of any assistance, please contact me.

Sincerely,



JEFF CASTRO, Director  
Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority

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cc: Ms. Mandy Grewal  
Mr. Dwayne R. Harrigan  
Ms. Gail M. Thomas  
Mr. Corey V. Stephens



# NATIONAL OPIOID LITIGATION

## **CONFIDENTIAL ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE** **PROTECTED COMMUNICATION**

July 27, 2021

### **VIA EMAIL & U.S. MAIL**

Mandy Grewal  
Supervisor  
6201 West Michigan Avenue  
Ann Arbor, MI 48108

### ***Re: NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT UPDATE***

Dear Mandy Grewal:

On behalf of your National Consortium which represents you in the Opioid Litigation, we are proud to follow up on our recent communications and formally announce a National Opioid Settlement proposal from certain Opioid defendants. Last week the three largest pharmaceutical distributors: McKesson, Cardinal Health and AmerisourceBergen (“Distributors”), and manufacturer Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and its parent company Johnson & Johnson (collectively, “J&J”) proposed a settlement to resolve all Opioid litigation brought by states and local political subdivisions against them. Note that this settlement proposal comes from only 4 of the many Opioid defendants, and that the litigation continues against other manufacturer and distributor defendants and all pharmacy defendants.

The Master Settlement Agreement (MSA), Executive Summary, FAQs, and additional publicly available settlement resources can be found at the following link:

<https://nationalopioidsettlement.com>

If adopted by states and subdivisions nationwide, the Distributors will pay a maximum of \$21 billion over 18 years, while J&J will pay a maximum of \$5 billion over no more than nine years, with a total of approximately \$22.8 billion in settlement proceeds payable to state and local subdivisions. At least 85% of the settlement funds received will be used for abatement of the Opioid Epidemic and a portion of the funds will also provide for injunctive relief that requires important changes to the Distributors’ and J&J’s conduct to ensure this won’t happen again.



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These settlements require that a critical mass of both state and local political subdivisions adopt the participation agreement for the nationwide settlement over the next six months. The extent of this participation will determine whether the settlement agreements take effect. There are three phases before either settlement proposal becomes effective. The first phase is State Participation. Each state will have 30 days to decide whether to participate in the settlements. The Distributors and J&J will then have 14 days to decide if there is enough “critical mass” to proceed to the next phase in the settlements. Based on initial conversations, 90% of states have indicated their acceptance of the National Settlement. Assuming the Distributors and J&J are satisfied with the number of states who elect to participate in the settlement, the second phase provides local governments 120 days to decide whether or not to participate. Your attorneys were intimately involved in negotiating the terms of the settlement proposal and were instrumental in improving terms of the proposal to the benefit of our clients.

If a particular state or a small number of states decide not to participate, it is possible the proposed settlement will still proceed but the local governments within the opt out state will be excluded. While it is possible opt out states will take their cases to trial and potentially recover after appeals are exhausted, it is unlikely there will be more favorable settlements negotiated by Non-Settling States within the next two years because the MSA includes a most favored nations clause preventing such states from receiving a premium unless specific conditions are met. We will know more about whether states formally opt out in the coming weeks.

Participation levels (the percentage of cities and counties in each state who agree to the deal) will affect how much money each state and its subdivisions will receive. About 45% of abatement funds are in the form of “incentive payments” which provide incentives for higher levels of participation. The settlement is only open to governmental entities. Claims brought on behalf of private individuals and businesses (including third-party payers like health and welfare funds and insurers) are not included (and are not released), although individuals, businesses and payers will benefit from the Opioid Remediation funding and injunctive relief provided in the settlements.

As the National Consortium, we endorse this settlement and strongly encourage participation across the country, as this is an important development in the fight to repair a nationwide public health crisis and assist your community in recovering from the crisis caused by the Opioid epidemic. We realize that some of you are engaged in difficult discussions with your state Attorney General offices to secure an appropriate allocation of these settlement proceeds to your local governments along with control over those settlement dollars. Rest assured we will continue to support you in those efforts.



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There are no decisions that need to be made within the next thirty days. The MSA for both agreements is almost 500 pages. The Executive Summary and the FAQ, however, provides a good starting place for your review. The definition section in the MSA is key to understand the intricacies of this complex proposal. Of course, we will provide additional material in the upcoming weeks with further information, more detailed recommendations, your community's specific recovery, and the Participation Agreement your community will be asked to execute. In the meantime, we welcome any inquiries.

Sincerely,

Peter J. Mougey

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### Office of the Supervisor

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#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 23, 2021

Contact: Mandy Grewal, Supervisor  
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#### Assistance for June Flooding Survivors Now Available

Pittsfield Township, MI (July 23, 2021): Following the severe storms and intense rainfall that caused flooding in the township and surrounding areas in the end of June, resources and information have been made available by the township, County, and Federal agencies to support recovery efforts.

Homeowners of all affected properties should document and take photos of all damages and gather any receipts or other documentation that they have available to provide. Additionally, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has sent Disaster Survivor Assistance (DSA) teams to Washtenaw county, where survivors of the severe storms and flooding are now eligible for Individual Assistance. These teams will be visiting homes, businesses, and nonprofit organizations in impacted areas to help residents register for assistance, identify and address immediate and emerging needs, and make referrals to other local, state, and voluntary agencies for additional support.

Like all FEMA personnel, DSA team members can be identified by their official federal photo ID badge and the FEMA logo on their shirts/vests. They will ask survivors for some personal information needed for registration, including: Social Security number, annual income and bank information, as well as names of occupants of the impacted property. **Survivors should always ask to see official identification before providing any personal information.** For more information about Michigan's recovery, visit [FEMA's disasters & assistance page](#).

#### Reporting Damages and Submitting Relief Claims:

- **FEMA**

Washtenaw County residents affected by the severe storms and flooding on June 25-26 can register for assistance through FEMA by calling 1.800.621.3362 between 7:00 AM and 11:00 PM EST seven days a week or by visiting [FEMA's Individual Assistance page](#) to submit a claim online.

*County residents have sixty days from incident's date to submit a claim. Make sure that all claim information is filled out completely with required documentation, as FEMA's claim appeal process can take up to 90 days.*

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- **MDHHS Low-Income Emergency Relief Assistance**

Low-income residents affected by recent flooding in Michigan may be eligible for emergency relief assistance through the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS). More information, including eligibility requirements, is available from the MDHHS by [viewing their press release in its entirety](#).

- **Pittsfield Township Property Damage Report**

Residents of Pittsfield Charter Township can also [submit a claim form](#), along with photos and any other receipts or documentation they may have available. Completed forms, photos, and all other documentation should be submitted via email to [utilities@pittsfield-mi.gov](mailto:utilities@pittsfield-mi.gov).

Additional information and resources related to flooding is available on the township website at [www.pittsfield-mi.gov](http://www.pittsfield-mi.gov) as well as the website for the [Washtenaw County Office of Community and Economic Development \(OCED\)](#).

As always, please continue to monitor conditions in your neighborhood if the weather forecast shows additional rain. If the sanitary drain on your street is clogged, backing up due to heavy rainfall, or flooding into your yard; please contact the Washtenaw County Water Resource Department, who manages the storm drains, at 734.222.6860. If you are experiencing a backup or flooding in your basement, please contact the Pittsfield Township Utilities Department immediately at 734.822.3105, or 734.822.2107 after hours.

If you have any questions, please contact [supervisor@pittsfield-mi.gov](mailto:supervisor@pittsfield-mi.gov); 734.822.3135

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## **Police chief mulling move from township to vacant Eastern Michigan University job**

By Samuel Dodge – July 22, 2021

WASHTENAW COUNTY, MI - There might be a new sheriff in town within the next few weeks for both Pittsfield Township and Eastern Michigan University.

Matthew Harshberger, Pittsfield Township's public safety director, is a finalist for the police chief spot at EMU, he told the township's Board of Trustees in a July 15 letter. He will interview on campus on Friday, July 23, and then with EMU's Board of Regents on Monday, July 26, and expects to hear an answer "within a week or so" afterward, he wrote in the letter.

The township board called a special meeting for Wednesday, July 21, to prepare for the possibility of Harshberger getting the EMU job.

Should Harshberger get the job, the township plans to post the public safety director job opening "immediately," Pittsfield Township Supervisor Mandy Grewal said.

"I think the benefit of posting it right away would be if we can move the process along," she said at Wednesday night's meeting. "We don't know how it will work out, (but) if there's a chance I always like to do that and do any sort of training and running parallel."

Harshberger has to inform the township of his intention to leave within 30 days per his contract, he said. He intends to stay with the township if he does not get the EMU job, he wrote in the letter.

"Ultimately, I may not be selected for the EMU position," he wrote. "Please know that if that turns out to be the case, I am very happy and committed to continue serving the residents, businesses, and visitors of Pittsfield Charter Township and being part of Supervisor Grewal's leadership team."

Harshberger graduated from EMU, and cited his past experience as Ypsilanti's police chief until 2009 as a motivation to explore the open EMU position.

"As an alumnus of EMU, and with 20 years of service in Ypsilanti working closely with the EMU community, I feel the opportunity to be the university's chief/director is a unique homecoming situation and a new professional challenge that I find exciting and truly wish to seek," he wrote.

Harshberger has been the Pittsfield's public safety director and police chief for 12 years, and stated he is proud of his time in the role. One final project he is working on is the passage of an increase to the public safety millage from 1.95 to 2.95 mills.

The township unanimously voted during the July 21 meeting on a resolution approving ballot language to increase the public safety millage from 1.95 to 2.95 mills.

This increase, which would raise about \$6.5 million in its first year, would start in November 2021 if approved by voters in the Nov. 2 general election. The township has calculated that the millage would increase taxes by \$20 a month on households with a taxable value of about \$240,000, Harshberger said.

Residents [rejected the township's previous millage increase proposal](#), which was on the May 4 election ballot. That proposal called for an increase to 3.95 mills.

Wednesday's vote was to ensure that the potential millage wouldn't add a separate millage to the township, but simply replace and increase the old one.

In addition to maintaining public safety staffing, Pittsfield Township wants more funding to implement more community-centric policing policies, as well as equip all uniformed police department personnel with body cameras when in contact with the public.

Under Harshberger, Pittsfield Township has already increased the public safety millage once in 2011. Township taxes have remained mostly unchanged otherwise.



The Sun Times News

## **Pittsfield Public Safety Millage Gets Second Chance**

By Drew Saunders – July 21, 2021

The proposal to increase taxes to fund Pittsfield Township's Department of Public Safety is going back before the voters. The Board of Trustees voted in a special meeting on July 21 to present a ballot proposal on the November 2 election to replace the current 1.95 millage with a 2.95 millage.

The millage question as passed is: "As a replacement of the existing 1.95 mills previously authorized for public safety purposes expiring in 2021, shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property within the Charter Township of Pittsfield, County of Washtenaw, Michigan be increased in the amount not to exceed 2.95 mills, for a period of five years, beginning in the year 2021 and ending in the year 2025, inclusive, as new additional millage for the purpose of providing funds to the Department of Public Safety for operating expenses, for sworn police officers, firefighters and support personnel; for the replacement of additional fire apparatus and equipment acquisition; for improvements, renovations, repair and maintenance of existing facilities; and for related program support for the Department of Public Safety."

This ballot proposal is slightly different than the previous version that the Trustees have been considering. Matthew Harshberger, the Director of Public Safety, went back to the attorneys at the request of the township to modify the statement to make it clearer that the millage proposal would replace the current one, which expires this year, with a new, higher millage. It is not in addition to the current millage.

The township estimates that it would generate \$6,528,207 this year, if passed.

Pittsfield Township voters rejected the last ballot initiative last spring, which was 3.95 mills. The Township says that the increase is needed to hire more officers, replace aging equipment and improve the facility on Michigan Avenue. Doing that while providing services to a generally increasing population is not possible with the current millage rate, according to township officials.

Some Pittsfield citizens have taken that explanation at face value but some have not. The township has taken steps to be more transparent and spend more time making the case for the increase this time around. Director of Public Safety Matthew Harshberger made the case before voters at a town hall, earlier this summer.

Whether Harshberger will still be in his position this autumn is an open question however. He informed the Trustees Wednesday evening that he is one of five candidates to be the next Director of Public Safety at Eastern Michigan University; the police force that patrols and enforces law at the campus.

"I have been the Director of Public Safety and Chief of Police for Pittsfield Charter Township for the past twelve years. I have worked closely with Supervisor Mandy Grewal as part of her team and with the Board of Trustees on many projects and public safety initiatives. I am very proud of the many accomplishments that we have achieved together," Harshberger wrote in a memo to the Board. "Ultimately, I may not be selected for the EMU position. Please know that if that turns out to be the case, I am very happy and committed to continue serving the residents, businesses and visitors of Pittsfield Charter Township and being part of Supervisor Grewal's leadership team."

Like the other five candidates, Harshberger says he will be taking half a day, Friday, with the department he is applying to lead tomorrow and will be spending the early part of next week being interviewed by the Board of Regents at Eastern Michigan University. They will then make a decision. Supervisor Many Grewal called the chances that EMU not choose Harshberger "slim."

"We have been fortunate to have Harshberger here," Pittsfield Clerk Michelle Anzaldi said. "They would be lucky to have you."

Trustee Yameen Jaffer also voiced support for Harshberger's decision, but added "We still want you to stay."

Harshberger agreed to comment on Thursday morning. This story is breaking news and will be updated when his formal statement to the Sun Times News is received. The Sun Times News has also reached out to EMU and will update this story if and when the university responds to a request for comment as well.



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#### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Mandy Grewal, Ph.D., Supervisor

**DATE:** July 21, 2021

**SUBJECT:** June 9- July 14 Review

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I want to begin by expressing my sincere and deepest appreciation to the Pittsfield Team for stepping in and stepping up to assist in handling a multitude of issues that arose during my absence over the past few weeks (reference June 1, 2021 BOT Memo 'Medical Leave'). To the best of my knowledge, over these past few weeks:

1. The Public Safety Public Forum yielded an overwhelming support by the public to increase General Fund's contribution toward police and fire expenditures. There was expansive discussion on why public was not in favor of the 3.95 millage rate and, as noted, wanting to ensure maximum funding was being made available through General Fund for public safety.
2. The Park Commission has an urgent need to fill the Parks & Recreation Director position. This is paired with an urgent need to address the vacant Director of Municipal Services position; both left unfilled after the failure of the 3.95 Public Safety millage vote in May.
3. The Public Safety Director is a finalist for the position as EMU's Director of Public Safety. The final decision is expected by the end of this month.
4. BOT, at its July 14, 2021 meeting decided to continue holding Pittsfield Township's public meetings virtually while in agreement with the Pandemic Transition Protocol Committee's recommendation to transition Township employees to full time in-person work, which will be effective beginning September.
5. BOT voted last week to approve the 2.95 Public Safety millage language for the November 2<sup>nd</sup> election with an upcoming amendment to clarify millage language about 'replacement.'

#### Next steps:

1. With the outcome of the public safety millage determining many – if not all – next steps, do we want to consider seeking assistance in educating/informing the public?
  2. Even if the 2.95 millage is approved, it will require \$800,000 reduction in General Fund expenditures, as outlined in an earlier presentation to the Board. Since this will entail significant changes, it is important we begin Board discussions on the same ASAP. While not possible for this special meeting due to staff and data constraints, we hope to begin the same at the August BOT meeting, so we may begin addressing urgent above-noted issues.
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# NATIONAL OPIOID LITIGATION

## CONFIDENTIAL ATTORNEY - CLIENT PRIVILEGE PROTECTED COMMUNICATION

### PROPOSED SETTLEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT COMING SOON

July 19, 2021

Dear Client:

On behalf of your National Consortium who represents you in the Opioid Litigation, we write to make you aware that a Settlement Proposal is expected to be announced this week involving defendants McKesson, Cardinal Health, AmerisourceBergen, and Johnson & Johnson. This offer will be the result of tens of thousands of hours of work by your attorneys, and represents a significant step in the opiate litigation. Over the last several months, we have made significant progress on the terms of the proposal with the intention of maximizing payments to our clients. You will receive an executive summary and FAQ regarding the Settlement Proposal within days of the announcement. As of right now, there are no pending deadlines regarding the Settlement Proposal.

At this time we do not know the final values particular to any one client but will share those figures with you as they are learned.

We are excited to bring you this good news and look forward to providing you with further details as they are revealed in the next few weeks.

Sincerely,

Peter J. Mougey  
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## **Pittsfield Township asking voters again for public safety tax increase**

By Samuel Dodge – July 15, 2021

PITTSFIELD TWP., MI - Pittsfield Township is entering round two in its fight to provide tax funding for its public safety department.

The township unanimously voted during its Wednesday, July 14 Board of Trustees meeting for a resolution approving ballot language to increase the public safety millage from 1.95 to 2.95 mills.

This increase, which would raise about \$6.5 million in its first year, would start in November 2021 if approved by voters in the Nov. 2 election. The township calculated that the millage would increase taxes by \$20 a month on households with a taxable value of about \$240,000, according to Matthew Harshberger, director of the township's public safety department.

Residents [rejected the township's previous millage increase proposal](#) that was placed on Washtenaw County's May 4 election ballot. That proposal called for an increase to 3.95 mills. The township previously calculated using median household income, which meant that taxes would increase by a median amount of additional \$30 per month.

The median household income for Pittsfield Township is \$79,965, according to census data.

Officials said in March that if the millage failed, the township would be faced with cutting or maintaining salaries and eliminating as many as six police officers and four firefighters.

The previous ballot language was confusing, Harshberger said during Wednesday's meeting. He noted that residents thought the previous proposal made it seem that there would be two public safety millages, even though the new, increased millage would have replaced the old one.

He and Trustee Gerald Krone requested that the current proposal clarify that the new millage replaces the old one. The Pittsfield Township Board of Trustees unanimously approved the ballot language pending a review from their legal team that ensures the ballot language alleviates this concern.

Once the legal review is over, the township will send its ballot language to the Washtenaw County Clerk by not later than Aug. 10 to start the certification process to place the proposal on the November 2021 ballot.

In addition to maintaining public safety staffing, Pittsfield Township wants more funding to implement more community-centric policing policies, as well as equip all uniformed police department personnel with body cameras when in contact with the public.

Township taxes have remained unchanged since November 2009, with the exception of the increase in public safety millage residents approved in 2011.

**From:** Kirk Profit

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 6, 2021 1:46 PM

**To:** Mandy Grewal

**Subject:** Per your request

As we look back at the first six months of 2021, we are struck by the constant change and unsettled condition of the State of Michigan and state government's work in the context of these very non-traditional and challenging times. Indeed, we started the year in virtually a total shutdown of activity in Michigan due to the COVID pandemic, and with great uncertainty for the vaccine roll out and the other responses to the pandemic. The implications of this caused continuation of the fears and concerns of 2020 in public finance, the economy, commerce, public education, health care, and so many other areas of our daily lives.

The Governor's State of the State message and her budget proposal in February reflected much of this uncertainty, but also a bit of optimism as the state's public health infrastructure began vaccinations on the broad scale that would be necessary to get control of the pandemic. Additionally, the prospect of some positive results from the stimulus and Federal response efforts were starting to give cause for more immediate hope.

Overlaying all of this in Michigan was a new legislative session, and a brand new leadership team for the Republican Majority in the Michigan House. This leadership team brought new approaches to the management style in the House from the Speaker's Office, and a very different approach in the leadership of the House Appropriations Committee.

Now as we fast forward to today as the legislature enters a less active summer period, we find our state to be the beneficiary of a very robust economy, seemingly only restricted by the limitations of the labor force and availability of the supplies and materials necessary for an expanding economy. We now find a state revenue projections beyond the wildest imaginations of those making preliminary predictions in January. The May Consensus Revenue Estimate is projecting the LARGEST revenue increase in Michigan history, with approximately \$11.5 billion estimated in "on-going" General Fund revenue, and an additional \$1.5 billion in "one-time" revenue. To give this some perspective, the General Fund revenue was at its peak at the turn of the Century before the great recession of 2008 at just over \$10 billion. And since the recession, the General Fund has really struggled to return to that level. Only last year, the General Fund was being projected at just over \$10 billion. Now, we see a nearly 15% increase over the past year in "on-going" revenue, with an additional 15% in "one-time" revenue. And that is just STATE REVENUE from STATE tax collections. On top of all of this state revenue, the state will be receiving \$6.5 billion in RECOVERY Funds from the Federal Government, and Local Governments will be receiving \$4.5 billion, in addition to more restricted more COVID directed response funding. Additionally, there is the prospect of even more funding for Infrastructure, as the Federal Government continues with those negotiations.

One of the challenges at a moment in time like this is for policy makers to have sufficient vision and strength to recognize and take advantage of the opportunities that this presents.

I am pleased to report that Pittsfield Township actually showed this vision and strength W-A-Y ahead of the pandemic and the Federal stimulus and Recovery funding. Several years ago, under the leadership and vision of Supervisor Mandy Grewal and the terrific team of elected and appointed leaders for the Township, total reconfiguration and reconstruction of the roadway systems in the US 12/US 23 area was identified as a priority. To be sure, at the time that this was first proposed, the state had no meaningful wherewithal to address such an ambitious undertaking. Nevertheless, under Supervisor Grewal's leadership and with the support of the Board and staff, the effort was begun to gather MDOT and regional support for this massive project. Make no mistake, the justification was there based on safety and traffic congestion, and demand for measured growth, and all of the other variables. However this was before state resources had begun to be more intensely directed by former Governor Snyder at the critical needs of Michigan's aging infrastructure. In this context, much credit needs to be given to Paul Ajegba who was then the District Director for our region (Paul has since been appointed Director of the Michigan Department of Transportation by Governor Whitmer). Without his shared vision, experience with the Department, and personal and professional support for this, the vision of the Township would have had no chance at becoming a reality. Today, after all of the work and coordination with the regional interests, local road needs, and the state interests, we are thrilled that this massive undertaking with such long term vision is now scheduled and funded for construction beginning later this year and continuing over the next several years. A more detailed time line is available on your request.

And in addition to the road improvements, we hasten to add our thanks to Billy Weirich and the team from Pittsfield who are working to assure that all of the underground work is ready and timed appropriately with the road construction !! Thanks for this foresight and efficient approach this massive infrastructure improvement for the Township and region !!

As I share this report with you, and number of other activities continue to have the attention of state policy makers with the potential to impact your work for your constituents.

- 1) Although state law requires that the state budget be complete by July 1, that has not happened. The budget process as been anything but normal/traditional in any of the past three years. In year one of this Governor's tenure, there was no meaningful communication between the Legislative and Executive branches in the development of the state budget; and as a result, the budget did NOT reflect the traditional compromise that results from a negotiated budget. In year 2, the COVID pandemic hit just as the budget was being developed; and as a result, a number of vetoes and restrictive measures were necessary in order to be prepared for the broad spectrum of the unknown that might lie ahead in the pandemic. Now, in year three, the budget process has again been anything but traditional. The House began their consideration of the budget by initially insisting on passing only 3 MONTH budget/s (in contrast with an approach that was encouraged under Governor Snyder of TWO YEAR budgeting). And with all of the flow of Federal assistance, the complexity and challenge (both substantively and politically) of have SO MUCH MONEY has been very difficult in this highly charged political environment. So far, only the K-12 and Revenue Sharing portions of the state budget have been sent to the Governor for her signature. All of the other budgets (Transportation, State Police, DNR, EGLE, DHHS, and all of the others) have yet to be negotiated/determined. And also yet to be appropriated are large amounts of the Federal Recovery and other funding that has come to the state. In all of this we continue to stay close especially with MDOT to make sure that nothing interferes with the work we have scheduled for the US 12/US 23 area.

- 2) A number of legislative packages and initiatives continue to gather attention by legislators which can have impacts on your local operations and constituent interests:
- A) Elections Reform (see attached listing of the Senate package for example)
  - B) Police Accountability and Transparency (see attached listing of the legislative package)
  - C) The legislature continues its trend over the past several sessions of encroaching into traditional areas of local control. Legislation continues to be introduced and a number of bills are pending which would preempt a local government from regulation in such areas as SHORT TERM RENTALS, a broad range of 2<sup>nd</sup> AMENDMENT concerns, environmental issues (plastic bags for example), so-called "Sanctuary City" designations and other aspects of immigration enforcement, pedestrian crossings, and others.
  - D) Residual impacts from COVID on your operations continue to gather legislative attention in the context of Open Meeting Act amendments, and FOIA amendments. And to be sure, significant attention was given by all of us at GCSI to concerns of many of your constituents over Executive Orders and Health Care Directives which impacted on their operations, and some of which still have lingering impacts.
- 3) We continue to stay close with your attorneys led by Jim Fink and this team to gain compliance with your regulations regarding Farm Markets and the "Right to Farm". The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development under Director Gary McDowell has indicated to us that they will work with us in every way they can consistent with the law.

With these and other issues, there is much more background we can offer if there is interest in greater depth. We offer this as a brief outline of the tenor and activity during this first 6 months of 2021.

Please feel free to contact us if you have questions on these or other issues in your work for the Township.

Thanks so much for the opportunity to be part of your team !!

Kirk A. Profit

President

Governmental Consultant Services, Inc.



## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AS REFERRED BY THE MAJORITY LEADER

SB 273        Senators Johnson, Runestad, LaSata, Horn, Theis, Victory, Bizon, Daley, Bumstead, Outman, Stamas, Zorn, VanderWall and Barrett

Elections; election officials; regulation of absent voter ballot drop boxes; provide for.

**REFERRED:**        **Elections**

SB 274        Senators Johnson, LaSata, Horn, Victory, Outman, VanderWall and Schmidt

Elections; registration; preregistration to vote at age 16; provide for.

**REFERRED:**        **Elections**

SB 275        Senators Runestad, LaSata, Horn, Theis, Zorn, Bizon, Daley, Bumstead, Outman, Stamas, Barrett and VanderWall

Elections; audits; use of video recording devices to record election audit proceedings; authorize, and allow live video coverage of the tabulation of ballots.

**REFERRED:**        **Elections**

SB 276        Senators Runestad, LaSata, Horn, Theis, Zorn, Stamas, Bizon, Barrett, Victory, Daley, Bumstead, Outman and VanderWall

Elections; other; election inspectors, election challengers, and poll watchers photographing and videotaping the tabulating of votes; authorize.

**REFERRED:**        **Elections**

SB 277        Senators MacDonald, Horn, LaSata, Theis, Stamas, Zorn, Bizon, Barrett, Victory, Daley, Bumstead, Outman and VanderWall

Elections; election officials; county clerks to flag voter registration records of deceased voters in the qualified voter file; require, and require county clerks and the secretary of state to post data regarding voter registration records of deceased voters flagged by county clerks.

**REFERRED:**        **Elections**

SB 278            Senators MacDonald, LaSata, Horn, Theis, Stamas, Zorn, Bizon, Barrett, Victory, Daley, Bumstead, Outman and VanderWall

Elections; absent voters; collection procedures for absent voter ballots deposited in an absent voter ballot drop box; modify.

**REFERRED:**            **Elections**

SB 279            Senators Johnson, LaSata, Horn, Theis, Stamas, Zorn, Bizon, Barrett, Victory, Daley, Bumstead, Outman and VanderWall

Elections; absent voters; absent voter counting boards; modify, and revise number of challengers allowed under certain circumstances.

**REFERRED:**            **Elections**

SB 280            Senators Johnson, LaSata, Horn, Theis, Stamas, Zorn, Barrett, Victory, Daley, Outman and VanderWall

Elections; initiative and referendum; provision limiting time frame for initiative petition to be completed and submitted; provide for.

**REFERRED:**            **Elections**

SB 281            Senators LaSata, Horn, Theis, Stamas, Zorn, Bizon, Barrett, Victory, Daley, Outman and VanderWall

Elections; election officials; secretary of state to obtain information from recognized multistate programs to update voter registration records and submit reports; require.

**REFERRED:**            **Elections**

SB 282            Senators Barrett, LaSata, Horn, Theis, Stamas, Zorn, Victory, Daley, Outman and VanderWall

Elections; qualified voter file; access to the qualified voter file; clarify.

**REFERRED:**            **Elections**

SB 283            Senators LaSata, Horn, Stamas, Zorn, VanderWall and Schmidt

Elections; absent voters; pre-processing of absent voter ballots; authorize.

**REFERRED:        Elections**

SB 284        Senators Lauwers, LaSata, Horn, Theis, Stamas, Zorn, Bizon, Barrett, Victory, Daley, Outman and VanderWall

Elections; election officials; receipt of private money to be used for election related activities and election related equipment; prohibit, and require the secretary of state to report to the legislature on contracts for election related activities.

**REFERRED:        Elections**

SB 285        Senators Theis, LaSata, Horn, Stamas, Zorn, Bizon, Barrett, Victory, Daley, Outman, Lauwers and VanderWall

Elections; absent voters; identification for election purposes to obtain an absent voter ballot; require, and require a provisional ballot be issued to absent voters without identification for election purpose.

**REFERRED:        Elections**

SB 286        Senators McBroom, LaSata, Horn, Theis, Stamas, Zorn, Barrett, Victory, Daley, Outman and VanderWall

Elections; absent voters; deadline to submit absent voter ballots to an absent voter ballot drop box; provide for.

**REFERRED:        Elections**

SB 287        Senators Stamas, LaSata, Horn, Theis, Zorn and Outman

Elections; election officials; prepaid postage on absent voter ballot return envelopes; prohibit.

**REFERRED:        Elections**

SB 288        Senators Bumstead, LaSata, Horn, Theis, Stamas, Zorn, Bizon, Barrett, Victory, Daley, Outman and VanderWall

Elections; audits; election inspectors for an election audit; require, allow political party observers at an election audit, and require the secretary of state to live video stream an election audit.

**REFERRED:        Elections**

SB 289        Senators Nesbitt, LaSata, Horn, Theis, Stamas, Zorn, Barrett, Victory, Daley, Outman and VanderWall

Elections; other; requirement for certain federal election-related funding; require a majority vote in each chamber.

**REFERRED:**        **Elections**

SB 290        Senators Outman, LaSata, Horn, Stamas, Zorn, Bizon, Barrett, Daley and VanderWall

Elections; challengers; certain requirements for election challengers; provide for, and limit the entities that can designate election challengers.

**REFERRED:**        **Elections**

SB 291        Senators Outman, LaSata, Horn, Stamas, Bizon, Barrett, Daley and VanderWall

Criminal procedure; sentencing guidelines; sentencing guidelines for certain Michigan election law violations dealing with challengers; repeal.

**REFERRED:**        **Elections**

SB 292        Senators Outman, LaSata, Horn, Theis, Stamas, Zorn, Barrett and VanderWall

Elections; challengers; training for election challengers; require, and require the secretary of state to establish election challenger training curriculum.

**REFERRED:**        **Elections**

SB 293        Senators Outman, LaSata, Horn, Theis, Stamas, Barrett and VanderWall

Criminal procedure; sentencing guidelines; sentencing guidelines for certain Michigan election law violations dealing with challengers; repeal.

**REFERRED:**        **Elections**

SB 294        Senators Outman, LaSata, Horn, Theis, Stamas, Zorn, Bizon and Barrett

Elections; election officials; report regarding the appointment of an equal number of election inspectors from each major political party in each precinct; require under certain circumstances.

**REFERRED:**        **Elections**

SB 295 Senators Victory, LaSata, Horn, Theis, Stamas, Zorn, Barrett and Outman

Elections; election officials; election inspectors to conduct regular balancing checks on precinct tabulators during election day; require.

**REFERRED:** **Elections**

SB 296 Senators McBroom, LaSata, Horn, Bumstead, Theis, Stamas, Zorn, Barrett, Victory, Daley, Outman and VanderWall

Elections; canvassing; number of members on a board of county canvassers based on population; provide for.

**REFERRED:** **Elections**

SB 297 Senators McBroom, LaSata, Horn, Bumstead, Theis, Stamas, Zorn, Bizon, Barrett, Victory, Daley, Outman and VanderWall

Elections; canvassing; board of county canvassers approving assistants employed for canvassing; require, and require at least one member of the board of county canvassers from each major political party be present when canvassing the returns of votes.

**REFERRED:** **Elections**

SB 298 Senators McBroom, LaSata, Horn, Theis, Stamas, Zorn, Barrett and VanderWall

Elections; election officials; deadline for certificate of determination by board of county canvassers; extend.

**REFERRED:** **Elections**

SB 299 Senators Zorn, LaSata, Horn, Bumstead, Theis, Stamas, Daley and VanderWall

Elections; election officials; deadline for reporting of election results; extend.

**REFERRED:** **Elections**

SB 300 Senators Schmidt, LaSata, Horn, Barrett and VanderWall

Elections; voting procedures; early voting; provide for.

**REFERRED:** **Elections**

SB 301 Senators Schmidt, LaSata, Horn, Barrett and VanderWall

Criminal procedure; sentencing guidelines; sentencing guidelines for certain early voting violations under the Michigan election law; provide for.

**REFERRED:** **Elections**

SB 302 Senators LaSata, Bumstead, Horn, Theis, Stamas, Zorn, Barrett, Daley, Outman and VanderWall

Elections; registration; voter registration application; modify to include a claim of 1 residence for voting rights.

**REFERRED:** **Elections**

SB 303 Senators Barrett, Bumstead, Horn, Theis, Stamas, Zorn, Daley, Outman, Lauwers and VanderWall

Elections; voting procedures; issuing a provisional ballot to an elector who does not have identification for election purposes; require.

**REFERRED:** **Elections**

SB 304 Senators VanderWall, LaSata, Horn, Theis, Stamas, Zorn, Barrett, Daley, Outman and Lauwers

Elections; voters; voter burden of proof for provisional ballot verification; require.

**REFERRED:** **Elections**

SB 305 Senators Zorn, Horn, Theis and Stamas

Elections; other; publication of the name or likeness of the secretary of state, a county clerk, or a local clerk on a communication related to certain election activities; prohibit.

**REFERRED:** **Elections**

SB 306 Senators Victory, Bumstead, LaSata, Horn, Theis and Barrett

Elections; election officials; secretary of state to prepare a report regarding clerks who are not current with training; require, and require secretary of state to post the report on the department of state website.



**REFERRED:        Elections**

SB 307        Senators Theis, Bumstead, LaSata, Horn, Stamas, Zorn, Barrett, Victory, Daley and VanderWall

Elections; ballot proposals; providing the full text of a ballot proposal to a voter or absent voter; require.

**REFERRED:        Elections**

SB 308        Senators Daley, Bumstead, LaSata, Horn, Theis, Stamas, Zorn, Bizon, Victory, Barrett and Outman

Elections; election officials; signature verification training for clerks and election inspectors; require, and require the secretary of state to promulgate rules regarding an objective signature verification process.

**REFERRED:        Elections**

SB 309        Senators Bumstead, LaSata, Horn, Theis, Stamas, Zorn, Bizon, Victory, Barrett, Daley, Outman and VanderWall

Elections; challengers; rights of poll challengers and poll watchers; provide for.

**REFERRED:        Elections**

SB 310        Senators Johnson, Bumstead, LaSata, Horn, Theis, Stamas, Zorn, Victory, Barrett, Daley, Outman and VanderWall

Elections; absent voters; prohibition for secretary of state from sending or providing absent voter ballot applications to electors; provide for.

**REFERRED:        Elections**

SB 311        Senators Johnson, Bumstead, LaSata, Horn, Stamas, Zorn, Victory, Barrett, Daley, Outman, VanderWall and Schmidt

Elections; absent voters; electronic return of absentee ballots by military voters using Department of Defense Common Access Cards; allow.

**REFERRED:        Elections**

## Police Improvement bills

<b>SB 473 Victory</b>	<b>Independent Investigations:</b> Would require MCOLES to develop guidelines for the investigation of officer-involved deaths that involve a law enforcement officer. Law enforcement agencies would be required to create a written policy regarding these investigations, subject to approval by MCOLES.
<b>SB 474 Moss</b>	<b>Separation Records:</b> Currently, the Law Enforcement Officer Separation of Service Record Act (PA 128 of 2017) requires law enforcement agencies to "maintain a record regarding the reason or reasons for, and circumstances surrounding, a separation of service" of a law enforcement officer from their agency. When a law enforcement agency seeks to hire a current or previously licensed law enforcement officer, the Act requires that it request and review the Separation of Service Record from the officer's former employing law enforcement agency or agencies. The agency cannot hire the officer unless it does so. <b>SB 474 would require a record related to a violation of the employing law enforcement agency's use of force policy to be included in the Separation of Service Record.</b>
<b>SB 475 Horn</b>	<b>MCOLES Revocation:</b> The bill would amend multiple sections of the MCOLES Act to require the Commission to revoke a license if it has been determined that the individual used excessive force that resulted in the death or serious bodily harm of another individual in his or her duty as a law enforcement officer. A license revoked for this reason must not be reissued.
<b>SB 476 Ananich</b>	<p><b>Anonymity for Complaints:</b> The bill creates a new act, known as the "Reporting of Law Enforcement Officer Misconduct Privacy Act." It prohibits a person from knowingly disclosing information in a misconduct complaint filed against a law enforcement officer that personally identifies the individual who filed the misconduct complaint. Information in a misconduct complaint filed against a law enforcement officer that personally identifies the individual who filed the misconduct complaint may be disclosed only in one or more of the following circumstances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By the individual that filed the misconduct complaint.</li> <li>• With the written permission of the individual that filed the misconduct complaint.</li> <li>• Pursuant to a court order.</li> <li>• To the law enforcement officer, defense attorney, or prosecutor if criminal charges are filed against the law enforcement officer against whom the misconduct is filed.</li> <li>• To an arbitration panel, if the misconduct complaint is subpoenaed in an arbitration proceeding.</li> <li>• To an administrative judge, if the misconduct complaint is subpoenaed in an administrative hearing.</li> </ul>
<b>SB 478 Runestad</b>	<b>Chokehold Ban:</b> The bill would create a new act known as the "Police Restraint Tactics Act." It would prohibit a law enforcement officer from intentionally applying pressure to the throat or windpipe of an individual that restricts blood flow or air flow unless the individual poses an immediate threat to the life of the law enforcement officer or another individual.
<b>SB 479 Geiss</b>	<b>No-Knock Warrants:</b> It would require a warrant to state whether or not the officer executing the warrant may enter the house or building or other location or place to be searched by force. If entry by force is authorized, the warrant must state the basis on which use of force is deemed necessary. Under the bill, the warrant must also require officers present at the location of the house or building or other location or place to be searched to determine whether entry without first knocking and announcing the officers' presence and purpose is necessary under the circumstances upon arrival. If after the officer provides notice of his or her authority and purpose he or she is refused admittance, the officer may break any outer or inner door or window of a house or building, or anything therein, in order to execute the warrant, or as necessary to liberate himself or herself or any person assisting the officer in execution of the warrant. The bill would require any officer engaged in the execution of a search warrant to be in uniform or otherwise clearly recognizable as a law enforcement officer. The bill would prohibit the use of a flash bang, stun, or similar distraction

	device in the execution of a warrant unless exigent circumstances exist justifying the use of a distraction device.
<b>SB 480 Johnson</b>	<p><b>Duty to Intervene:</b> The bill would create a new act, known as the "Law Enforcement Officer Duty to Intervene Act." It would require each law enforcement agency in this State to adopt a written duty to intervene policy, which include, at a minimum, all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A law enforcement officer in the employ of a law enforcement agency has an affirmative duty to intervene verbally or physically to prevent an observed use of excessive force by another law enforcement officer.</li> <li>• A law enforcement agency must take appropriate disciplinary actions against a law enforcement officer who observes the use of excessive force by another law enforcement officer and fails to intervene.</li> </ul> <p>Each law enforcement agency in this State must provide a copy of the policy to a law enforcement officer in its employ.</p>
<b>SB 481 Chang</b>	<p><b>Use of Force:</b> The bill would require Use of Force policies for all police agencies to include a use of force continuum, verbal warning, and exhaustion of alternatives before using deadly force.</p>
<b>SB 482 Irwin</b>	<p><b>De-Escalation Training:</b> The bill requires MCOLES to, in consultation with behavioral health experts, establish minimum standards for training in all of the following areas no later than one year after the bill's effective date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• De-escalation techniques</li> <li>• Crisis response techniques</li> <li>• Behavioral health resources and support available for individuals in this state, including law enforcement officers</li> </ul>
<b>SB 483 MacDonald</b>	<p><b>Recruitment and Retention Study:</b> The bill would require MCOLES to conduct or contract for a research study and analysis to identify barriers in the recruitment of law enforcement officers in order to develop a strategy for attracting and retaining high-quality individuals to serve as law enforcement officers. This study and analysis must include, but is not limited to, all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public perception of law enforcement agencies and law enforcement officers.</li> <li>• Significant job stressors for law enforcement officers.</li> <li>• Factors that affect job performance, including gender, race, or other pertinent factors.</li> <li>• The character, personality, or other traits that contribute to a successful law enforcement career as observed in current and retired law enforcement officers.</li> </ul>
<b>SB 484 Bullock</b>	<p><b>Body Cams:</b> The bill specifically includes tampering with body cameras or intentionally turning off the camera for the purpose of interfering with an investigation or proceeding in the crime of tampering with evidence. <b>SB 484 would specifically include</b> a digital image or video audio recording from a body-worn camera used for law enforcement purposes in the prohibition against knowingly and intentionally removing, altering, concealing, destroying, or otherwise tampering with evidence. <b>It would also prohibit</b> knowingly and intentionally failing to activate a bodyworn camera used for law enforcement purposes and that failure interferes with a present or future official proceeding or an internal law enforcement investigation. A violation of this prohibition would be a misdemeanor punishable by not more than 90 days and/or a \$500 maximum fine.</p>