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Committee Deadline Change

It was announced this week that the 2020 committee deadlines have been changed.

- Friday, March 20 — Committees must act favorably on bills in the house of origin.
- Friday, March 27 — Committees must act favorably on bills, or companions of bills, that met the first deadline in the other body.
- Friday, April 3 — Committees must act favorably on major appropriation and finance bills.

“[The change would] give committees a little but more time to operate given some of the time constraints at the beginning of session, “ said House Majority Leader Ryan Winkler. Session must conclude by May 18th.

State of the State

The Governor has announced that his 2020 State of the State address will occur on Mon, Mar 23 at 7pm in the House chamber.

The State of the State address is an annual opportunity for the Governor to speak before the combined House and Senate on the outlook for the state as well as to review the administration’s agenda.

Committee Hearings – Week in Review

Tuesday

The Senate Higher Education Committee and House Higher Education Committee heard presentations on the University of Minnesota and Minnesota State’s bonding requests. The University of Minnesota has a capital budget request of \$317.2 million, with \$200 million in HEAPR. Minnesota State is requesting \$230.8 million, with \$150 million in HEAPR. Minnesota State also has an additional \$54 million request, [HF3087](#).

The House Education Policy Committee heard an informational [presentation](#) on the findings from The Violence Project’s Mass Shooter Database. It was an extremely fascinating presentation. Some of their findings include that hardening of schools is less effective than properly funding school counselors and intervention methods. Over 90% of school mass shooters were current or former students of the school, so for the future, this means that the majority of shooters will be familiar with the hardening measures within the school, as well as the drills determining what happens in case of emergency. The doctors presenting also believe that for children and teens, active-shooter drills can create a fascination in school shootings.

Wednesday

The House Higher Education Committee heard [HF583](#) (Huot)- student loan refinancing eligibility expanded, and money appropriated. This bill expands the eligibility criteria for the Office of Higher Education's SELF Refi program, which refinances the student loans of Minnesota residents. The bill was amended to update outdated dates, which was necessary because the bill was introduced last year. It was laid over for further consideration.

Committee Hearings – Week Ahead

Monday

The House Ways and Means Committee will hear [HF1424](#) (Stephenson)- student loan advocate established, licensure of student loan servicers required, certain practices prohibited in student loan servicing. This bill will be heard procedurally, with the motion being to re-refer it to Judiciary and Civil Law Finance.

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