

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 5028

Department of State Police

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Public Safety Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Stark

HB 5028 is the budget bill for the Department of State Police. In addition to patrolling the state’s highways, OSP is the sole source for forensic science, Medical Examiner, criminal history records, and specialized law enforcement services to criminal justice system partners throughout the state.

The Subcommittee approved a total funds budget of \$578.3 million, with 1,425 positions and 1,411.41 FTE. Investments were made in every part of the agency’s operations, and include \$5.7 million General Fund and eleven positions for an agency-wide police accountability and wellness initiative, \$5 million General Fund and eighteen new trooper positions plus their equipment and vehicles, \$3.2 million General Fund and sixteen additional positions for the Medical Examiner’s Office and the Forensics Lab, and three new positions for the establishment of a Digital Forensics Unit. Seventeen limited-duration positions were approved to address a backlog of firearms background checks. Several revenue shortfalls were backfilled or restored, including the loss of \$29.2 million in Marijuana Tax revenue as a result of Ballot Measure 110, and \$4.6 million of one-time funding from the American Rescue Plan Act was approved to pay for vehicle replacements and new purchases.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends HB 5028 be amended by the –1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.