

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

**SB 5530**

**Department of State Police**

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SB 5530 is the budget bill for the Department of State Police, which protects the people, property, and natural resources of the state. The State Police enforce traffic laws on state highways, investigate and solve crimes, conduct forensic analyses, and maintain and provide law enforcement data.

The Public Safety Subcommittee approved a total funds budget of \$508.6 million and 1,402 positions. By investing \$21.1 million of General Fund resources in patrol vehicles and equipment, radios, and professional staff to support the sworn ranks, the Department will be able to fill 30 vacant patrol trooper positions immediately. The Subcommittee also approved investments in the Forensic Lab and Medical Examiner's Office, including a forensic anthropologist position to address a backlog of unidentified human remains. Three key performance measures were updated and a new one was added, to evaluate the performance of the Ignition Interlock Device program that the State Police will take over on July 1st.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends SB 5530 be amended by the -1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.