

2026 Legislative Session Overview

2026 Session Information

The 2026 legislative session will commence on Wednesday, February 4th and is scheduled to adjourn on May 6, 2026. This year's session is categorized as a "short session," which occurs every even-numbered year and lasts for three months. The primary focus of a short session is to address technical amendments to existing laws and make necessary adjustments to the state budget although often the reality can be a much broader agenda.

Individual legislators may only propose budget or revenue related bills during the short session. Legislative committee leadership retains the prerogative in determining which bills to consider for further action.

Session Dynamics and Committee Structure

The abbreviated nature of a short session means there will be less time allocated for committee hearings and fewer opportunities for face-to-face interactions with committee members. As a result, bills will progress rapidly, making timely and concise communication among constituents, lawmakers, and legislative staff essential for achieving positive outcomes. This year, there are only two newly elected legislators, but there has been significant turnover among legislative staff and a new OPM Secretary steering the Governor's budget and policy agenda in an election year.

Following the opening of the session on Wednesday, committees will begin their deliberations. Democrats will continue to hold committee leadership positions, reflecting their majorities of 102-49 in the House and 25-11 in the Senate. The team will review every bill as it progresses through committee proceedings and will notify relevant parties if a significant bill is scheduled for a hearing.

Key Issues for the 2026 Session

Apart from the state budget, the session is expected to focus on several important issues. Below is a partial list of topics likely to be addressed:

- Responses to federal public health policy changes and expanding access to more affordable insurance coverage
- Addressing increasing homelessness and ongoing housing funding/challenges
- Education grant funding, including special ed funding needs for municipalities

- Planning for and implementing changes to the state’s Medicaid program related to the federal HR1 legislation.
- Tax law changes and impacts from federal tax changes.
- Expiration of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding and gaps/needs in funding.
- Artificial intelligence and facial recognition
- Black bears, solid waste and riparian buffs in the Environment Committee
- Private equity in healthcare and the Certificate of Need Process

SEE the Major Issues Report by the Office of Legislative Report at [2026MI-20260115_Major Issues for 2026.pdf](#)

Key Session Dates

Date/Period Event

February 4	2026 Session Begins
February	Governor Presents Budget * (date subject to change)
February	Appropriations Committee Budget Hearings * (dates estimated, schedule to be finalized)
March–April	Committees Joint Favorable deadlines for legislation progress
April 1	Finance Committee Joint Favorable deadline
April 2	Appropriations Deadline to Report Out Budget Adjustments
April 15	Tax Day
May 6	Last day of Regular 2026 Legislative Session

Bill Tracking

Przybysz + Associates will continue to utilize BillTrack50 and will provide regular updates and information on bill tracking. For those who require more frequent access to bill tracking details, please contact Brian to explore your options.

Email Lists

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