

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 938

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations

04/02/2013 Adoption of Report: Pass as Amended and Read Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to state government; streamlining reporting of state government;  
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, sections 4A.01, subdivision 3; 16E.07,  
1.4 subdivision 3; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2012, sections 4A.11; 14.04.  
1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 4A.01, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 3. **Report.** The commissioner must submit a report to the governor and chairs  
1.8 and ranking minority members of the senate and house of representatives committees  
1.9 with jurisdiction on state government finance by January 15 of each year that provides  
1.10 economic, social, and environmental demographic information to assist public and elected  
1.11 officials with long-term management decisions. The report must identify and assess  
1.12 the information important to understanding the state's two-, ten-, and 50-year outlook,  
1.13 including the budget implications for those time periods. The report must include the  
1.14 demographic forecast required by section 4A.02, paragraph (e), ~~and information to assist~~  
1.15 ~~with the preparation of the milestones report required by section 4A.11,~~ and may include  
1.16 policy recommendations based upon the information and assessment provided.

1.17 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 16E.07, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.18 Subd. 3. **Access to data.** The legislature determines that the greatest possible access  
1.19 to certain government information and data is essential to allow citizens to participate  
1.20 fully in a democratic system of government. Certain information and data, including,  
1.21 but not limited to the following, must be provided free of charge or for a nominal cost  
1.22 associated with reproducing the information or data:

~~(1) directories of government services and institutions, including an electronic version of the guidebook to state agency services published by the commissioner of administration;~~

~~(2) (1) legislative and rulemaking information, including an electronic version of the State Register, public information newsletters, bill text and summaries, bill status information, rule status information, meeting schedules, and the text of statutes and rules;~~

~~(3) (2) Supreme Court and Court of Appeals opinions and general judicial information;~~

~~(4) (3) opinions of the attorney general;~~

~~(5) (4) Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board and election information;~~

~~(6) (5) public budget information;~~

~~(7) (6) local government documents, such as codes, ordinances, minutes, meeting schedules, and other notices in the public interest;~~

~~(8) (7) official documents, releases, speeches, and other public information issued by government agencies; and~~

~~(9) (8) the text of other government documents and publications that government agencies determine are important to public understanding of government activities.~~

Sec. 3. **REPEALER.**

Minnesota Statutes 2012, sections 4A.11; and 14.04, are repealed.

APPENDIX  
Repealed Minnesota Statutes: H0938-1

**4A.11 MILESTONES REPORT.**

The commissioner must review the statewide system of economic, social, and environmental performance measures in use under section 16A.10, subdivision 1c, and known as Minnesota milestones. The commissioner must provide the economic, social, and environmental information necessary to assist public and elected officials with understanding and evaluating Minnesota milestones. The commissioner must report on the trends and their implications for Minnesota milestones each year and provide the commissioner of management and budget with recommendations for the use of Minnesota milestones in budget documents. The commissioner may contract for the development of information and measures.

**14.04 AGENCY ORGANIZATION; GUIDEBOOK.**

To assist interested persons dealing with it, each agency must, in a manner prescribed by the commissioner of administration, prepare a description of its organization, stating the general course and method of its operations and where and how the public may obtain information or make submissions or requests. The commissioner of administration must publish these descriptions at least once every four years commencing in 1981 in a guidebook of state agencies. Notice of the publication of the guidebook must be published in the State Register and given in newsletters, newspapers, or other publications, or through other means of communication. The commissioner must make an electronic version of the guidebook available on the Internet free of charge through the North Star information service.