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Referred to State Government Innovation and Veterans

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to state government; promoting efficiency and energy savings through
1.3 electronic conduct of state meetings and through telework; proposing coding for
1.4 new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 3; 15.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. [3.091] REDUCED ENERGY USE AND COST; TELEWORK.

To reduce state government building energy use and costs associated with work by legislative employees, each department supervisor in the house of representatives and the senate and each appointing authority of joint legislative entities, in consultation with appropriate human resources staff, may develop and implement a telework policy for employees within their department.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 2. [15.436] ELECTRONIC CONDUCT OF STATE MEETINGS.

To the greatest extent practical, state executive agency conferences must be conducted by videoconference, audioconference, or other electronic means if the conference otherwise would involve travel for which agency employees would be reimbursed. The chancellor of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities with respect to the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, a constitutional officer with respect to the constitutional office, and the commissioner of management and budget with respect to other executive agencies may grant exemptions from this requirement as necessary to allow people other than state employees to participate effectively in conferences, or when otherwise essential to efficient and effective conduct of state business. This section does not authorize an agency to avoid compliance with the open meeting law in chapter 13D.

Sec. 2.

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