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A bill for an act

relating to state government; modifying laws governing certain executive branch advisory groups; amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, sections 3.922, subdivision 8; 15B.11, subdivision 2; 16B.055, subdivision 1; 16C.137, subdivision 2; 28A.21, subdivision 6; 43A.316, subdivisions 2, 3, 6; 62J.495, subdivision 2; 79A.02, subdivision 1; 85.0146, subdivision 1; 89A.03, subdivision 5; 89A.08, subdivision 1; 93.0015, subdivision 3; 97A.055, subdivision 4b; 116U.25; 134.31, subdivision 6; 144.1255, subdivision 1; 144.1481, subdivision 1; 144.608, subdivision 2; 145A.10, subdivision 10; 148.7805, subdivision 2; 153A.20, subdivision 2; 162.07, subdivision 5; 162.13, subdivision 3; 174.52, subdivision 3; 175.007, subdivision 1; 182.656, subdivision 3; 206.805; 214.13, subdivision 4; 240.18, subdivision 4; 243.1606, subdivision 4; 256B.0625, subdivision 13i; 256C.28, subdivision 1; 270C.12, subdivision 5; 298.2213, subdivision 5; 298.2214, subdivision 1; 298.297; 299E.04, subdivision 5; 326B.07, subdivision 1; Minnesota Statutes 2013 Supplement, sections 103I.105; 125A.28; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2012, sections 6.81; 15.059, subdivision 5; 15B.32, subdivision 7; 16E.0475; 43A.316, subdivision 4; 43A.317, subdivision 4; 127A.70, subdivision 3; 136A.031, subdivision 5; 147E.35, subdivision 4; 196.30; 197.585, subdivision 4; 241.021, subdivision 4c; 245.97, subdivision 7; 270C.991, subdivision 4; Minnesota Statutes 2013 Supplement, sections 15.059, subdivision 5b; 197.585, subdivision 2.

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

ARTICLE 1

STATE GOVERNMENT

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 16C.137, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **SmartFleet Committee.** ~~(a) The commissioner of administration, or the commissioner's designee, shall chair a SmartFleet Committee consisting of representatives designated by the commissioners of the Pollution Control Agency, the Departments of Agriculture and Commerce, and other state departments that wish to participate. To ensure effective and efficient state participation, the SmartFleet Committee must assist~~

~~state departments in implementing the requirements of this section, including providing information, guidance, sample policies and procedures, and technical and planning assistance.~~

~~(b) The SmartFleet Committee must evaluate the goals and directives established in this section by December 2006 and periodically thereafter. The committee may make recommendations to the governor and appropriate committees of the legislature for new or adjusted goals and directives, in light of the progress the state has made implementing this section, and of the availability of new or improved technologies.~~

~~(e) For the systematic and efficient monitoring of progress in implementing this section by the SmartFleet Committee, The Department of Administration shall implement a fleet reporting and information management system. Each department will use this management system to demonstrate its progress in complying with this section.~~

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 43A.316, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Definitions.** For the purpose of this section, the terms defined in this subdivision have the meaning given them.

(a) **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the commissioner of management and budget.

(b) **Employee.** "Employee" means:

(1) a person who is a public employee within the definition of section 179A.03, subdivision 14, who is insurance eligible and is employed by an eligible employer;

(2) an elected public official of an eligible employer who is insurance eligible;

(3) a person employed by a labor organization or employee association certified as an exclusive representative of employees of an eligible employer or by another public employer approved by the commissioner, so long as the plan meets the requirements of a governmental plan under United States Code, title 29, section 1002(32); or

(4) a person employed by a county or municipal hospital.

(c) **Eligible employer.** "Eligible employer" means:

(1) a public employer within the definition of section 179A.03, subdivision 15, that is a town, county, city, school district as defined in section 120A.05, service cooperative as defined in section 123A.21, intermediate district as defined in section 136D.01, Cooperative Center for Vocational Education as defined in section 123A.22, regional management information center as defined in section 123A.23, or an education unit organized under the joint powers action, section 471.59; or

(2) an exclusive representative of employees, as defined in paragraph (b);

(3) a county or municipal hospital; or

3.1 (4) another public employer approved by the commissioner.

3.2 (d) **Exclusive representative.** "Exclusive representative" means an exclusive
3.3 representative as defined in section 179A.03, subdivision 8.

3.4 ~~(e) **Labor-Management Committee.** "Labor-Management Committee" means the~~
3.5 ~~committee established by subdivision 4.~~

3.6 ~~(f)~~ (e) **Program.** "Program" means the statewide public employees insurance
3.7 program created by subdivision 3.

3.8 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 43A.316, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

3.9 Subd. 3. **Public employee insurance program.** The commissioner shall be the
3.10 administrator of the public employee insurance program and may determine its funding
3.11 arrangements. The commissioner shall model the program after the plan established
3.12 in section 43A.18, subdivision 2, but may modify that plan, ~~in consultation with the~~
3.13 ~~Labor-Management Committee.~~

3.14 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 43A.316, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

3.15 Subd. 6. **Coverage.** (a) By January 1, 1989, the commissioner shall announce the
3.16 benefits of the program. The program shall include employee hospital, medical, dental,
3.17 and life insurance for employees and hospital and medical benefits for dependents. Health
3.18 maintenance organization options and other delivery system options may be provided if
3.19 they are available, cost-effective, and capable of servicing the number of people covered
3.20 in the program. Participation in optional coverages may be provided by collective
3.21 bargaining agreements. For employees not represented by an exclusive representative, the
3.22 employer may offer the optional coverages to eligible employees and their dependents
3.23 provided in the program.

3.24 (b) The commissioner, ~~with the assistance of the Labor-Management Committee,~~
3.25 shall periodically assess whether it is financially feasible for the program to offer or to
3.26 continue an individual retiree program that has competitive premium rates and benefits.
3.27 If the commissioner determines it to be feasible to offer an individual retiree program,
3.28 the commissioner shall announce the applicable benefits, premium rates, and terms of
3.29 participation. Eligibility to participate in the individual retiree program is governed by
3.30 subdivision 8, but applies to retirees of eligible employers that do not participate in the
3.31 program and to those retirees' dependents and surviving spouses.

3.32 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 206.805, is amended to read:

3.33 **206.805 STATE VOTING SYSTEMS CONTRACTS.**

Subdivision 1. **Contracts required.** (a) The secretary of state, with the assistance of the commissioner of administration, shall establish one or more state voting systems contracts. The contracts should, if practical, include provisions for maintenance of the equipment purchased. The voting systems contracts must address precinct-based optical scan voting equipment, and ballot marking equipment for persons with disabilities and other voters. The contracts must give the state a perpetual license to use and modify the software. The contracts must include provisions to escrow the software source code, as provided in subdivision 2. Bids for voting systems and related election services must be solicited from each vendor selling or leasing voting systems that have been certified for use by the secretary of state. The contracts must be renewed from time to time.

~~(b) The secretary of state shall appoint an advisory committee, including representatives of the state chief information officer, county auditors, municipal clerks who have had operational experience with the use of electronic voting systems, and members of the disabilities community to advise the secretary of state in reviewing and evaluating the merits of proposals submitted from voting equipment vendors for the state contracts.~~

~~(e)~~ (b) Counties and municipalities may purchase or lease voting systems and obtain related election services from the state contracts. All counties and municipalities are members of the cooperative purchasing venture of the Department of Administration for the purpose of this section. For the purpose of township elections, counties must aggregate orders under contracts negotiated under this section for products and services and may apportion the costs of those products and services proportionally among the townships receiving the products and services. The county is not liable for the timely or accurate delivery of those products or services.

Sec. 6. **REVISOR'S INSTRUCTION.**

The revisor of statutes shall: (1) remove cross-references to the sections repealed in this article wherever they appear in Minnesota Statutes and Minnesota Rules; and (2) make changes necessary to correct the punctuation, grammar, or structure of the remaining text and preserve its meaning.

Sec. 7. **REPEALER.**

Minnesota Statutes 2012, sections 6.81; 15.059, subdivision 5; 16E.0475; 43A.316, subdivision 4; 43A.317, subdivision 4; 196.30; 197.585, subdivision 4; and 270C.991, subdivision 4, are repealed.

Minnesota Statutes 2013 Supplement, sections 15.059, subdivision 5b; and 197.585, subdivision 2, are repealed.

5.1 **ARTICLE 2**

5.2 **CONFORMING CHANGES**

5.3 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 3.922, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

5.4 Subd. 8. **Advisory board.** An advisory board on urban Indians shall advise the
5.5 council on the unique problems and concerns of Minnesota Indians who reside in urban
5.6 areas of the state. The board must be appointed by the council at the direction of the
5.7 elected tribal leadership and consist of six Indians residing in the vicinity of Minneapolis,
5.8 St. Paul, Bemidji, and Duluth. At least one member of the board must be a resident of
5.9 each city. The terms, compensation, and removal of members are as provided in section
5.10 15.059, ~~but the expiration dates provided in that section do not apply.~~

5.11 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 15B.11, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

5.12 Subd. 2. **Advisory committee.** (a) A three-member advisory committee to the
5.13 CAAPB is established. Each of the three must be either an architect or a planner. One
5.14 must be appointed by the CAAPB; one, by the State Board of the Arts; and one, by the
5.15 Minnesota Society of the American Institute of Architects.

5.16 (b) The advisory committee must advise the CAAPB on all architectural and
5.17 planning matters.

5.18 ~~(c) Notwithstanding section 15.059, subdivision 5, or other law, the authority for~~
5.19 ~~appointment of an advisory committee does not expire.~~

5.20 ~~(d)~~ (c) An advisory committee member must not be a contestant in a CAAPB
5.21 competition.

5.22 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 16B.055, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

5.23 Subdivision 1. **Federal Assistive Technology Act.** (a) The Department of
5.24 Administration is designated as the lead agency to carry out all the responsibilities under
5.25 the Assistive Technology Act of 1998, as provided by Public Law 108-364, as amended.
5.26 The Minnesota Assistive Technology Advisory Council is established to fulfill the
5.27 responsibilities required by the Assistive Technology Act, as provided by Public Law
5.28 108-364, as amended. Because the existence of this council is required by federal law, this
5.29 council does not expire ~~and the expiration date provided in section 15.059, subdivision~~
5.30 ~~5, does not apply.~~

5.31 (b) The governor shall appoint the membership of the council as required by the
5.32 Assistive Technology Act of 1998, as provided by Public Law 108-364, as amended.
5.33 After the governor has completed the appointments required by this subdivision, the

commissioner of administration, or the commissioner's designee, shall convene the first meeting of the council following the appointments. Members shall serve two-year terms commencing July 1 of each odd-numbered year, and receive the compensation specified by the Assistive Technology Act of 1998, as provided by Public Law 108-364, as amended. The members of the council shall select their chair at the first meeting following their appointment.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 28A.21, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

Subd. 6. **Expiration.** ~~Notwithstanding section 15.059, subdivision 5,~~ This section expires June 30, 2017.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 62J.495, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **E-Health Advisory Committee.** (a) The commissioner shall establish an e-Health Advisory Committee governed by section 15.059 to advise the commissioner on the following matters:

(1) assessment of the adoption and effective use of health information technology by the state, licensed health care providers and facilities, and local public health agencies;

(2) recommendations for implementing a statewide interoperable health information infrastructure, to include estimates of necessary resources, and for determining standards for clinical data exchange, clinical support programs, patient privacy requirements, and maintenance of the security and confidentiality of individual patient data;

(3) recommendations for encouraging use of innovative health care applications using information technology and systems to improve patient care and reduce the cost of care, including applications relating to disease management and personal health management that enable remote monitoring of patients' conditions, especially those with chronic conditions; and

(4) other related issues as requested by the commissioner.

(b) The members of the e-Health Advisory Committee shall include the commissioners, or commissioners' designees, of health, human services, administration, and commerce and additional members to be appointed by the commissioner to include persons representing Minnesota's local public health agencies, licensed hospitals and other licensed facilities and providers, private purchasers, the medical and nursing professions, health insurers and health plans, the state quality improvement organization, academic and research institutions, consumer advisory organizations with an interest and expertise in health information technology, and other stakeholders as identified by the commissioner to fulfill the requirements of section 3013, paragraph (g), of the HITECH Act.

(c) The commissioner shall prepare and issue an annual report not later than January 30 of each year outlining progress to date in implementing a statewide health information infrastructure and recommending action on policy and necessary resources to continue the promotion of adoption and effective use of health information technology.

(d) ~~Notwithstanding section 15.059, This subdivision expires June 30, 2015.~~

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 79A.02, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Membership.** For the purposes of assisting the commissioner, there is established a Workers' Compensation Self-insurers' Advisory Committee of five members that are employers authorized to self-insure in Minnesota. Three of the members and three alternates shall be elected by the self-insurers' security fund board of trustees and two members and two alternates shall be appointed by the commissioner. ~~Notwithstanding section 15.059, the advisory committee does not expire.~~

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 85.0146, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Advisory council created.** The Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area Citizens Advisory Council is established. ~~Notwithstanding section 15.059, the council does not expire.~~ Membership on the advisory council shall include:

(1) a representative of the Cuyuna Range Mineland Recreation Area Joint Powers Board;

(2) a representative of the Croft Mine Historical Park Joint Powers Board;

(3) a designee of the Cuyuna Range Mineland Reclamation Committee who has worked as a miner in the local area;

(4) a representative of the Crow Wing County Board;

(5) an elected state official;

(6) a representative of the Grand Rapids regional office of the Department of Natural Resources;

(7) a designee of the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board;

(8) a designee of the local business community selected by the area chambers of commerce;

(9) a designee of the local environmental community selected by the Crow Wing County District 5 commissioner;

(10) a designee of a local education organization selected by the Crosby-Ironton School Board;

(11) a designee of one of the recreation area user groups selected by the Cuyuna Range Chamber of Commerce; and

8.1 (12) a member of the Cuyuna Country Heritage Preservation Society.

8.2 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 89A.03, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

8.3 Subd. 5. **Membership regulation.** Terms, compensation, nomination, appointment,
8.4 and removal of council members are governed by section 15.059. ~~Section 15.059,~~
8.5 ~~subdivision 5, does not govern the expiration date of the council.~~

8.6 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 89A.08, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

8.7 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The council shall appoint a Forest Resources
8.8 Research Advisory Committee. ~~Notwithstanding section 15.059, the council does not~~
8.9 ~~expire.~~ The committee must consist of representatives of:

- 8.10 (1) the College of Natural Resources, University of Minnesota;
8.11 (2) the Natural Resources Research Institute, University of Minnesota;
8.12 (3) the department;
8.13 (4) the North Central Forest Experiment Station, United States Forest Service; and
8.14 (5) other organizations as deemed appropriate by the council.

8.15 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 93.0015, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

8.16 Subd. 3. **Expiration.** ~~Notwithstanding section 15.059, subdivision 5, or other law to~~
8.17 ~~the contrary,~~ The committee expires June 30, 2016.

8.18 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 97A.055, subdivision 4b, is amended to read:

8.19 Subd. 4b. **Citizen oversight committees.** (a) The commissioner shall appoint
8.20 committees of affected persons to review the reports prepared under subdivision 4; review
8.21 the proposed work plans and budgets for the coming year; propose changes in policies,
8.22 activities, and revenue enhancements or reductions; review other relevant information;
8.23 and make recommendations to the legislature and the commissioner for improvements in
8.24 the management and use of money in the game and fish fund.

8.25 (b) The commissioner shall appoint the following committees, each comprised
8.26 of at least ten affected persons:

8.27 (1) a Fisheries Oversight Committee to review fisheries funding and expenditures,
8.28 including activities related to trout and salmon stamps and walleye stamps; and

8.29 (2) a Wildlife Oversight Committee to review wildlife funding and expenditures,
8.30 including activities related to migratory waterfowl, pheasant, and wild turkey management
8.31 and deer and big game management.

(c) The chairs of the Fisheries Oversight Committee and the Wildlife Oversight Committee, and four additional members from each committee, shall form a Budgetary Oversight Committee to coordinate the integration of the fisheries and wildlife oversight committee reports into an annual report to the legislature; recommend changes on a broad level in policies, activities, and revenue enhancements or reductions; and provide a forum to address issues that transcend the fisheries and wildlife oversight committees.

(d) The Budgetary Oversight Committee shall develop recommendations for a biennial budget plan and report for expenditures on game and fish activities. By August 15 of each even-numbered year, the committee shall submit the budget plan recommendations to the commissioner and to the senate and house of representatives committees with jurisdiction over natural resources finance.

(e) The chairs of the Fisheries Oversight Committee and the Wildlife Oversight Committee shall be chosen by their respective committees. The chair of the Budgetary Oversight Committee shall be appointed by the commissioner and may not be the chair of either of the other oversight committees.

(f) The Budgetary Oversight Committee may make recommendations to the commissioner and to the senate and house of representatives committees with jurisdiction over natural resources finance for outcome goals from expenditures.

(g) ~~Notwithstanding section 15.059, subdivision 5, or other law to the contrary, The Fisheries Oversight Committee, the Wildlife Oversight Committee, and the Budgetary Oversight Committee do not expire until June 30, 2015.~~

Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2013 Supplement, section 103I.105, is amended to read:

103I.105 ADVISORY COUNCIL ON WELLS AND BORINGS.

(a) The Advisory Council on Wells and Borings is established as an advisory council to the commissioner. The advisory council shall consist of 18 voting members. Of the 18 voting members:

(1) one member must be from the Department of Health, appointed by the commissioner of health;

(2) one member must be from the Department of Natural Resources, appointed by the commissioner of natural resources;

(3) one member must be a member of the Minnesota Geological Survey of the University of Minnesota, appointed by the director;

(4) one member must be a responsible individual for a licensed explorer;

(5) one member must be a certified representative of a licensed elevator boring contractor;

10.1 (6) two members must be members of the public who are not connected with the
10.2 boring or well drilling industry;

10.3 (7) one member must be from the Pollution Control Agency, appointed by the
10.4 commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency;

10.5 (8) one member must be from the Department of Transportation, appointed by the
10.6 commissioner of transportation;

10.7 (9) one member must be from the Board of Water and Soil Resources appointed by
10.8 its chair;

10.9 (10) one member must be a certified representative of a monitoring well contractor;

10.10 (11) six members must be residents of this state appointed by the commissioner, who
10.11 are certified representatives of licensed well contractors, with not more than two from
10.12 the seven-county metropolitan area and at least four from other areas of the state who
10.13 represent different geographical regions; and

10.14 (12) one member must be a certified representative of a licensed bored geothermal
10.15 heat exchanger contractor.

10.16 (b) An appointee of the well drilling industry may not serve more than two
10.17 consecutive terms.

10.18 (c) The appointees to the advisory council from the well drilling industry must:

10.19 (1) have been residents of this state for at least three years before appointment; and

10.20 (2) have at least five years' experience in the well drilling business.

10.21 (d) The terms of the appointed members and the compensation and removal of all
10.22 members are governed by section 15.059, ~~except section 15.059, subdivision 5, relating to~~
10.23 ~~expiration of the advisory council does not apply.~~

10.24 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 116U.25, is amended to read:

10.25 **116U.25 EXPLORE MINNESOTA TOURISM COUNCIL.**

10.26 (a) The director shall be advised by the Explore Minnesota Tourism Council
10.27 consisting of up to 28 voting members appointed by the governor for four-year terms,
10.28 including:

10.29 (1) the director of Explore Minnesota Tourism who serves as the chair;

10.30 (2) eleven representatives of statewide associations representing bed and breakfast
10.31 establishments, golf, festivals and events, counties, convention and visitor bureaus,
10.32 lodging, resorts, trails, campgrounds, restaurants, and chambers of commerce;

10.33 (3) one representative from each of the tourism marketing regions of the state as
10.34 designated by the office;

(4) six representatives of the tourism business representing transportation, retail, travel agencies, tour operators, travel media, and convention facilities;

(5) one or more ex officio nonvoting members including at least one from the University of Minnesota Tourism Center;

(6) four legislators, two from each house, one each from the two largest political party caucuses in each house, appointed according to the rules of the respective houses; and

(7) other persons, if any, as designated from time to time by the governor.

(b) The council shall act to serve the broader interests of tourism in Minnesota by promoting activities that support, maintain, and expand the state's domestic and international travel market, thereby generating increased visitor expenditures, tax revenue, and employment.

(c) Filling of membership vacancies is as provided in section 15.059. The terms of one-half of the members shall be coterminous with the governor and the terms of the remaining one-half of the members shall end on the first Monday in January one year after the terms of the other members. Members may serve until their successors are appointed and qualify. Members are not compensated. A member may be reappointed.

(d) The council shall meet at least four times per year and at other times determined by the council. ~~Notwithstanding section 15.059, the council does not expire.~~

(e) If compliance with section 13D.02 is impractical, the Explore Minnesota Tourism Council may conduct a meeting of its members by telephone or other electronic means so long as the following conditions are met:

(1) all members of the council participating in the meeting, wherever their physical location, can hear one another and can hear all discussion and testimony;

(2) members of the public present at the regular meeting location of the council can hear clearly all discussion and testimony and all votes of members of the council and, if needed, receive those services required by sections 15.44 and 15.441;

(3) at least one member of the council is physically present at the regular meeting location; and

(4) all votes are conducted by roll call, so each member's vote on each issue can be identified and recorded.

(f) Each member of the council participating in a meeting by telephone or other electronic means is considered present at the meeting for purposes of determining a quorum and participating in all proceedings.

(g) If telephone or other electronic means is used to conduct a meeting, the council, to the extent practical, shall allow a person to monitor the meeting electronically from a

12.1 remote location. The council may require the person making such a connection to pay for
12.2 documented marginal costs that the council incurs as a result of the additional connection.

12.3 (h) If telephone or other electronic means is used to conduct a regular, special, or
12.4 emergency meeting, the council shall provide notice of the regular meeting location, of the
12.5 fact that some members may participate by telephone or other electronic means, and of
12.6 the provisions of paragraph (g). The timing and method of providing notice is governed
12.7 by section 13D.04.

12.8 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2013 Supplement, section 125A.28, is amended to read:

12.9 **125A.28 STATE INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL.**

12.10 An Interagency Coordinating Council of at least 17, but not more than 25 members is
12.11 established, in compliance with Public Law 108-446, section 641. The members must be
12.12 appointed by the governor and reasonably represent the population of Minnesota. Council
12.13 members must elect the council chair, who may not be a representative of the Department
12.14 of Education. The council must be composed of at least five parents, including persons
12.15 of color, of children with disabilities under age 12, including at least three parents of a
12.16 child with a disability under age seven, five representatives of public or private providers
12.17 of services for children with disabilities under age five, including a special education
12.18 director, county social service director, local Head Start director, and a community health
12.19 services or public health nursing administrator, one member of the senate, one member of
12.20 the house of representatives, one representative of teacher preparation programs in early
12.21 childhood-special education or other preparation programs in early childhood intervention,
12.22 at least one representative of advocacy organizations for children with disabilities under
12.23 age five, one physician who cares for young children with special health care needs, one
12.24 representative each from the commissioners of commerce, education, health, human
12.25 services, a representative from the state agency responsible for child care, foster care,
12.26 mental health, homeless coordinator of education of homeless children and youth, and a
12.27 representative from Indian health services or a tribal council. Section 15.059, subdivisions
12.28 2 to ~~5~~ 4, apply to the council. The council must meet at least quarterly.

12.29 The council must address methods of implementing the state policy of developing
12.30 and implementing comprehensive, coordinated, multidisciplinary interagency programs of
12.31 early intervention services for children with disabilities and their families.

12.32 The duties of the council include recommending policies to ensure a comprehensive
12.33 and coordinated system of all state and local agency services for children under age five
12.34 with disabilities and their families. The policies must address how to incorporate each
12.35 agency's services into a unified state and local system of multidisciplinary assessment

13.1 practices, individual intervention plans, comprehensive systems to find children in need of
13.2 services, methods to improve public awareness, and assistance in determining the role of
13.3 interagency early intervention committees.

13.4 On the date that Minnesota Part C Annual Performance Report is submitted to the
13.5 federal Office of Special Education, the council must recommend to the governor and the
13.6 commissioners of education, health, human services, commerce, and employment and
13.7 economic development policies for a comprehensive and coordinated system.

13.8 Annually, the council must prepare and submit a report to the governor and the
13.9 secretary of the federal Department of Education on the status of early intervention
13.10 services and programs for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families under
13.11 the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, United States Code, title 20, sections
13.12 1471 to 1485 (Part C, Public Law 102-119), as operated in Minnesota. The Minnesota
13.13 Part C annual performance report may serve as the report.

13.14 Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the State Interagency Coordinating
13.15 Council does not expire unless federal law no longer requires the existence of the council
13.16 or committee.

13.17 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 134.31, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

13.18 Subd. 6. **Advisory committee.** The commissioner shall appoint an advisory
13.19 committee of five members to advise the staff of the Minnesota Braille and Talking Book
13.20 Library on long-range plans and library services. Members shall be people who use the
13.21 library. Section 15.059 governs this committee ~~except that the committee shall not expire.~~

13.22 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 144.1255, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

13.23 Subdivision 1. **Creation and membership.** (a) By July 1, 2003, the commissioner
13.24 of health shall appoint an advisory committee to provide advice and recommendations to
13.25 the commissioner concerning tests and treatments for heritable and congenital disorders
13.26 found in newborn children. Membership of the committee shall include, but not be limited
13.27 to, at least one member from each of the following representative groups:

- 13.28 (1) parents and other consumers;
13.29 (2) primary care providers;
13.30 (3) clinicians and researchers specializing in newborn diseases and disorders;
13.31 (4) genetic counselors;
13.32 (5) birth hospital representatives;
13.33 (6) newborn screening laboratory professionals;
13.34 (7) nutritionists; and

14.1 (8) other experts as needed representing related fields such as emerging technologies
14.2 and health insurance.

14.3 (b) The terms and removal of members are governed by section 15.059. Members
14.4 shall not receive per diems but shall be compensated for expenses. ~~Notwithstanding~~
14.5 ~~section 15.059, subdivision 5, the advisory committee does not expire.~~

14.6 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 144.1481, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

14.7 Subdivision 1. **Establishment; membership.** The commissioner of health shall
14.8 establish a 15-member Rural Health Advisory Committee. The committee shall consist of
14.9 the following members, all of whom must reside outside the seven-county metropolitan
14.10 area, as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 2:

14.11 (1) two members from the house of representatives of the state of Minnesota, one
14.12 from the majority party and one from the minority party;

14.13 (2) two members from the senate of the state of Minnesota, one from the majority
14.14 party and one from the minority party;

14.15 (3) a volunteer member of an ambulance service based outside the seven-county
14.16 metropolitan area;

14.17 (4) a representative of a hospital located outside the seven-county metropolitan area;

14.18 (5) a representative of a nursing home located outside the seven-county metropolitan
14.19 area;

14.20 (6) a medical doctor or doctor of osteopathy licensed under chapter 147;

14.21 (7) a midlevel practitioner;

14.22 (8) a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse;

14.23 (9) a licensed health care professional from an occupation not otherwise represented
14.24 on the committee;

14.25 (10) a representative of an institution of higher education located outside the
14.26 seven-county metropolitan area that provides training for rural health care providers; and

14.27 (11) three consumers, at least one of whom must be an advocate for persons who are
14.28 mentally ill or developmentally disabled.

14.29 The commissioner will make recommendations for committee membership.

14.30 Committee members will be appointed by the governor. In making appointments, the
14.31 governor shall ensure that appointments provide geographic balance among those areas of
14.32 the state outside the seven-county metropolitan area. The chair of the committee shall be
14.33 elected by the members. The advisory committee is governed by section 15.059, except
14.34 that the members do not receive per diem compensation. ~~Notwithstanding section 15.059,~~
14.35 ~~the advisory committee does not expire.~~

15.1 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 144.608, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

15.2 Subd. 2. **Council administration.** (a) The council must meet at least twice a year
15.3 but may meet more frequently at the call of the chair, a majority of the council members,
15.4 or the commissioner.

15.5 (b) The terms, compensation, and removal of members of the council are governed
15.6 by section 15.059, ~~except that~~. The council expires June 30, 2015.

15.7 (c) The council may appoint subcommittees and work groups. Subcommittees shall
15.8 consist of council members. Work groups may include noncouncil members. Noncouncil
15.9 members shall be compensated for work group activities under section 15.059, subdivision
15.10 3, but shall receive expenses only.

15.11 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 145A.10, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

15.12 Subd. 10. **State and local advisory committees.** (a) A State Community Health
15.13 Advisory Committee is established to advise, consult with, and make recommendations
15.14 to the commissioner on the development, maintenance, funding, and evaluation of
15.15 community health services. Each community health board may appoint a member to serve
15.16 on the committee. The committee must meet at least quarterly, and special meetings
15.17 may be called by the committee chair or a majority of the members. Members or their
15.18 alternates may be reimbursed for travel and other necessary expenses while engaged
15.19 in their official duties. ~~Notwithstanding section 15.059, the State Community Health~~
15.20 ~~Advisory Committee does not expire.~~

15.21 (b) The city councils or county boards that have established or are members of a
15.22 community health board may appoint a community health advisory committee to advise,
15.23 consult with, and make recommendations to the community health board on the duties
15.24 under subdivision 5a.

15.25 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 148.7805, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

15.26 Subd. 2. **Administration.** The advisory council is established and administered
15.27 under section 15.059. ~~Notwithstanding section 15.059, subdivision 5, the council shall~~
15.28 ~~not expire.~~

15.29 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 153A.20, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

15.30 Subd. 2. **Organization.** The advisory council shall be organized and administered
15.31 according to section 15.059, ~~except that, notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the~~
15.32 ~~advisory council shall not expire.~~ The council may form committees to carry out its duties.

16.1 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 162.07, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

16.2 Subd. 5. **Screening board.** (a) On or before September 1 of each year the county
16.3 engineer of each county shall forward to the commissioner, on forms prepared by the
16.4 commissioner, all information relating to the mileage, in lane-miles, of the county state-aid
16.5 highway system in the county, and the money needs of the county that the commissioner
16.6 deems necessary in order to apportion the county state-aid highway fund in accordance
16.7 with the formula heretofore set forth. Upon receipt of the information the commissioner
16.8 shall appoint a board consisting of the following county engineers:

16.9 (1) two county engineers from the metropolitan highway construction district;

16.10 (2) one county engineer from each nonmetropolitan highway district; and

16.11 (3) one additional county engineer from each county with a population of 175,000
16.12 or more.

16.13 No county engineer shall be appointed under clause (1) or (2) so as to serve
16.14 consecutively for more than four years. The board shall investigate and review the
16.15 information submitted by each county and shall on or before the first day of November
16.16 of each year submit its findings and recommendations in writing as to each county's
16.17 lane-mileage and money needs to the commissioner on a form prepared by the
16.18 commissioner. Final determination of the lane-mileage of each system and the money
16.19 needs of each county shall be made by the commissioner.

16.20 ~~(b) Notwithstanding section 15.059, subdivision 5, the committee does not expire.~~

16.21 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 162.13, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

16.22 Subd. 3. **Screening board.** (a) On or before September 1 of each year, the engineer
16.23 of each city having a population of 5,000 or more shall forward to the commissioner on
16.24 forms prepared by the commissioner, all information relating to the money needs of the
16.25 city that the commissioner deems necessary in order to apportion the municipal state-aid
16.26 street fund in accordance with the apportionment formula heretofore set forth. Upon
16.27 receipt of the information the commissioner shall appoint a board of city engineers. The
16.28 board shall be composed of one engineer from each state highway construction district,
16.29 and in addition thereto, one engineer from each city of the first class. The board shall
16.30 investigate and review the information submitted by each city. On or before November
16.31 1 of each year, the board shall submit its findings and recommendations in writing as to
16.32 each city's money needs to the commissioner on a form prepared by the commissioner.
16.33 Final determination of the money needs of each city shall be made by the commissioner.
16.34 In the event that any city shall fail to submit the information provided for herein, the
16.35 commissioner shall estimate the money needs of the city. The estimate shall be used in

17.1 solving the apportionment formula. The commissioner may withhold payment of the
17.2 amount apportioned to the city until the information is submitted.

17.3 ~~(b) Notwithstanding section 15.059, subdivision 5, the board does not expire.~~

17.4 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 174.52, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

17.5 Subd. 3. **Advisory committee.** (a) The commissioner shall establish an advisory
17.6 committee consisting of five members, including:

17.7 (1) one county commissioner;

17.8 (2) one county engineer;

17.9 (3) one city engineer;

17.10 (4) one city council member or city administrator representing a city with a
17.11 population over 5,000; and

17.12 (5) one city council member or city administrator representing a city with a
17.13 population under 5,000. The advisory committee shall provide recommendations to the
17.14 commissioner regarding expenditures from the trunk highway corridor projects account.

17.15 ~~(b) Notwithstanding section 15.059, subdivision 5, the committee does not expire.~~

17.16 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 175.007, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

17.17 Subdivision 1. **Creation; composition.** (a) There is created a permanent Council on
17.18 Workers' Compensation consisting of 12 voting members as follows: the presidents of the
17.19 largest statewide Minnesota business and organized labor organizations as measured by
17.20 the number of employees of its business members and in its affiliated labor organizations
17.21 in Minnesota on July 1, 1992, and every five years thereafter; five additional members
17.22 representing business, and five additional members representing organized labor. The
17.23 commissioner of labor and industry shall serve as chair of the council and shall be a
17.24 nonvoting member. ~~Notwithstanding section 15.059,~~ This council does not expire unless
17.25 the council no longer fulfills the purpose for which the council was established, the council
17.26 has not met in the last 18 months, or the council does not comply with the registration
17.27 requirements of section 15.0599, subdivision 3.

17.28 (b) The governor, the majority leader of the senate, the speaker of the house, the
17.29 minority leader of the senate, and the minority leader of the house of representatives shall
17.30 each select a business and a labor representative. At least four of the labor representatives
17.31 shall be chosen from the affiliated membership of the Minnesota AFL-CIO. At least two
17.32 of the business representatives shall be representatives of small employers as defined in
17.33 section 177.24, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (2). None of the council members
17.34 shall represent attorneys, health care providers, qualified rehabilitation consultants, or

insurance companies. If the appointing officials cannot agree on a method of appointing the required number of Minnesota AFL-CIO and small business representatives by the second Monday in June of the year in which appointments are made, they shall notify the secretary of state. The distribution of appointments shall then be determined publicly by lot by the secretary of state or a designee in the presence of the appointing officials or their designees on the third Monday in June.

(c) Each council member shall appoint an alternate. Alternates shall serve in the absence of the member they replace.

(d) The ten appointed voting members shall serve for terms of five years and may be reappointed.

(e) The council shall designate liaisons to the council representing workers' compensation insurers; medical, hospital, and rehabilitation providers; and the legal profession. The speaker and minority leader of the house of representatives shall each appoint a caucus member as a liaison to the council. The majority and minority leaders of the senate shall each appoint a caucus member to serve as a liaison to the council.

(f) The compensation and removal of members shall be as provided in section 15.059.

Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 182.656, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Meetings.** A majority of the council members constitutes a quorum. The council shall meet at the call of its chair, or upon request of any six members. A tape recording of the meeting with the tape being retained for a one-year period will be available upon the request and payment of costs to any interested party. The council shall expire and the terms, compensation, and removal of members shall be as provided in section 15.059, ~~except that the council shall not expire.~~

Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 214.13, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Delegation of regulation activities.** The commissioner of health shall wherever possible delegate the administration of regulation activities to a health-related licensing board with the concurrence of that board. If the commissioner of health delegates this function, the licensing board may regularly bill the commissioner of health for the cost of performing this function. The licensing board may directly set and charge fees in accordance with the provisions of section 214.06. The commissioner of health may establish an advisory council to advise the commissioner or the appropriate health-related licensing board on matters relating to the registration and regulation of an occupation. A council shall have seven members appointed by the commissioner of which five are members of the registered occupation or related registered or licensed occupations, and

19.1 two are public members. ~~A council shall expire, and~~ The terms, compensation, and
19.2 removal of members shall be as provided in section 15.059.

19.3 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 240.18, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

19.4 Subd. 4. **Rules; advisory committees.** The commission shall adopt rules governing
19.5 the distribution of the fund. The commission may establish advisory committees to advise
19.6 it on the distribution of money under this section, provided that the members of an
19.7 advisory committee shall serve without compensation. ~~The expiration date provided in~~
19.8 ~~section 15.059, subdivision 5, does not apply to this subdivision.~~

19.9 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 243.1606, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

19.10 Subd. 4. **Expiration; expenses.** The provisions of section 15.059 apply to the
19.11 council ~~except that it does not expire.~~

19.12 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 256B.0625, subdivision 13i, is amended to
19.13 read:

19.14 Subd. 13i. **Drug Utilization Review Board; report.** (a) A nine-member Drug
19.15 Utilization Review Board is established. The board must be comprised of at least three
19.16 but no more than four licensed physicians actively engaged in the practice of medicine
19.17 in Minnesota; at least three licensed pharmacists actively engaged in the practice of
19.18 pharmacy in Minnesota; and one consumer representative. The remainder must be made
19.19 up of health care professionals who are licensed in their field and have recognized
19.20 knowledge in the clinically appropriate prescribing, dispensing, and monitoring of covered
19.21 outpatient drugs. Members of the board must be appointed by the commissioner, shall
19.22 serve three-year terms, and may be reappointed by the commissioner. The board shall
19.23 annually elect a chair from among its members.

19.24 (b) The board must be staffed by an employee of the department who shall serve as
19.25 an ex officio nonvoting member of the board.

19.26 (c) The commissioner shall, with the advice of the board:

19.27 (1) implement a medical assistance retrospective and prospective drug utilization
19.28 review program as required by United States Code, title 42, section 1396r-8, subsection
19.29 (g), paragraph (3);

19.30 (2) develop and implement the predetermined criteria and practice parameters for
19.31 appropriate prescribing to be used in retrospective and prospective drug utilization review;

19.32 (3) develop, select, implement, and assess interventions for physicians, pharmacists,
19.33 and patients that are educational and not punitive in nature;

20.1 (4) establish a grievance and appeals process for physicians and pharmacists under
20.2 this section;

20.3 (5) publish and disseminate educational information to physicians and pharmacists
20.4 regarding the board and the review program;

20.5 (6) adopt and implement procedures designed to ensure the confidentiality of any
20.6 information collected, stored, retrieved, assessed, or analyzed by the board, staff to
20.7 the board, or contractors to the review program that identifies individual physicians,
20.8 pharmacists, or recipients;

20.9 (7) establish and implement an ongoing process to:

20.10 (i) receive public comment regarding drug utilization review criteria and standards;
20.11 and

20.12 (ii) consider the comments along with other scientific and clinical information in
20.13 order to revise criteria and standards on a timely basis; and

20.14 (8) adopt any rules necessary to carry out this section.

20.15 (d) The board may establish advisory committees. The commissioner may contract
20.16 with appropriate organizations to assist the board in carrying out the board's duties.
20.17 The commissioner may enter into contracts for services to develop and implement a
20.18 retrospective and prospective review program.

20.19 (e) The board shall report to the commissioner annually on the date the drug
20.20 utilization review annual report is due to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.
20.21 This report must cover the preceding federal fiscal year. The commissioner shall make the
20.22 report available to the public upon request. The report must include information on the
20.23 activities of the board and the program; the effectiveness of implemented interventions;
20.24 administrative costs; and any fiscal impact resulting from the program. An honorarium
20.25 of \$100 per meeting and reimbursement for mileage must be paid to each board member
20.26 in attendance.

20.27 (f) This subdivision is exempt from the provisions of section 15.059.

20.28 ~~Notwithstanding section 15.059, subdivision 5, the board is permanent and does not expire.~~

20.29 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 256C.28, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

20.30 Subdivision 1. **Membership.** The Commission of Deaf, DeafBlind and
20.31 Hard-of-Hearing Minnesotans consists of seven members appointed at large and one
20.32 member from each advisory committee established under section 256C.24, subdivision 3.
20.33 At least 50 percent of the members must be deaf or deafblind or hard of hearing. Members
20.34 shall include persons who are deaf, deafblind, and hard of hearing, parents of children who
20.35 are deaf, deafblind, and hard of hearing, and representatives of county and regional human

21.1 services, including representatives of private service providers. Commission members
21.2 are appointed by the governor for a three-year term and shall serve no more than two
21.3 consecutive terms. The commission shall select one member as chair. ~~Notwithstanding~~
21.4 ~~section 15.059, the commission does not expire.~~

21.5 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 270C.12, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

21.6 Subd. 5. **Duration.** Notwithstanding the provisions of any statutes to the contrary,
21.7 ~~including section 15.059,~~ the coordinating committee as established by this section to
21.8 oversee and coordinate preparation of the microdata samples of income tax returns and
21.9 other information shall not expire.

21.10 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 298.2213, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

21.11 Subd. 5. **Advisory committees.** Before submission to the board of a proposal for a
21.12 project for expenditure of money appropriated under this section, the commissioner of Iron
21.13 Range resources and rehabilitation shall appoint a technical advisory committee consisting
21.14 of at least seven persons who are knowledgeable in areas related to the objectives of
21.15 the proposal. If the project involves investment in a scientific research proposal, at
21.16 least four of the committee members must be knowledgeable in the specific scientific
21.17 research area relating to the project. Members of the committees must be compensated as
21.18 provided in section 15.059, subdivision 3. The board shall not act on a proposal until it
21.19 has received the evaluation and recommendations of the technical advisory committee.
21.20 ~~Notwithstanding section 15.059, the committees do not expire.~~

21.21 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 298.2214, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

21.22 Subdivision 1. **Creation of committee; purpose.** A committee is created to
21.23 advise the commissioner of Iron Range resources and rehabilitation on providing higher
21.24 education programs in the taconite assistance area defined in section 273.1341. The
21.25 committee is subject to section 15.059 ~~but does not expire.~~

21.26 Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 298.297, is amended to read:

21.27 **298.297 ADVISORY COMMITTEES.**

21.28 Before submission of a project to the board, the commissioner of Iron Range
21.29 resources and rehabilitation shall appoint a technical advisory committee consisting of
21.30 one or more persons who are knowledgeable in areas related to the objectives of the
21.31 proposal. Members of the committees shall be compensated as provided in section 15.059,
21.32 subdivision 3. The board shall not act on a proposal until it has received the evaluation

22.1 and recommendations of the technical advisory committee or until 15 days have elapsed
22.2 since the proposal was transmitted to the advisory committee, whichever occurs first.
22.3 ~~Notwithstanding section 15.059, the committees do not expire.~~

22.4 Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 299E.04, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

22.5 Subd. 5. **Expiration.** ~~Notwithstanding section 15.059, subdivision 5,~~ The advisory
22.6 committee on Capitol Area Security expires June 30, 2022.

22.7 Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 326B.07, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

22.8 Subdivision 1. **Membership.** (a) The Construction Codes Advisory Council
22.9 consists of the following members:

22.10 (1) the commissioner or the commissioner's designee representing the department's
22.11 Construction Codes and Licensing Division;

22.12 (2) the commissioner of public safety or the commissioner of public safety's
22.13 designee representing the Department of Public Safety's State Fire Marshal Division;

22.14 (3) one member, appointed by the commissioner, engaged in each of the following
22.15 occupations or industries:

22.16 (i) certified building officials;

22.17 (ii) fire chiefs or fire marshals;

22.18 (iii) licensed architects;

22.19 (iv) licensed professional engineers;

22.20 (v) commercial building owners and managers;

22.21 (vi) the licensed residential building industry;

22.22 (vii) the commercial building industry;

22.23 (viii) the heating and ventilation industry;

22.24 (ix) a member of the Plumbing Board;

22.25 (x) a member of the Board of Electricity;

22.26 (xi) a member of the Board of High Pressure Piping Systems;

22.27 (xii) the boiler industry;

22.28 (xiii) the manufactured housing industry;

22.29 (xiv) public utility suppliers;

22.30 (xv) the Minnesota Building and Construction Trades Council; and

22.31 (xvi) local units of government.

22.32 (b) The commissioner or the commissioner's designee representing the department's
22.33 Construction Codes and Licensing Division shall serve as chair of the advisory council.

22.34 For members who are not state officials or employees, compensation and removal of

23.1 members of the advisory council are governed by section 15.059. The terms of the
23.2 members of the advisory council shall be four years. The terms of eight of the appointed
23.3 members shall be coterminous with the governor and the terms of the remaining nine
23.4 appointed members shall end on the first Monday in January one year after the terms of
23.5 the other appointed members expire. An appointed member may be reappointed. Each
23.6 council member shall appoint an alternate to serve in their absence. ~~The committee is not~~
23.7 ~~subject to the expiration provision of section 15.059, subdivision 5.~~

23.8 Sec. 38. **REVISOR'S INSTRUCTION.**

23.9 The revisor of statutes shall: (1) remove cross-references to the sections repealed
23.10 in this article wherever they appear in Minnesota Statutes and Minnesota Rules; and (2)
23.11 make changes necessary to correct the punctuation, grammar, or structure of the remaining
23.12 text and preserve its meaning.

23.13 Sec. 39. **REPEALER.**

23.14 Minnesota Statutes 2012, sections 15B.32, subdivision 7; 127A.70, subdivision 3;
23.15 136A.031, subdivision 5; 147E.35, subdivision 4; 241.021, subdivision 4c; and 245.97,
23.16 subdivision 7, are repealed.

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6.81 COLLABORATIVE GOVERNANCE COUNCIL.

Subdivision 1. **Establishment; purpose; membership.** (a) A collaborative governance council is established and shall include major statewide governmental entities and nongovernmental statewide organizations as provided in this subdivision. The council has nine members, including the state auditor and one member appointed by and serving at the pleasure of each of the following:

- (1) League of Minnesota Cities;
- (2) Minnesota Association of Townships;
- (3) Association of Minnesota Counties;
- (4) Minnesota School Board Association;
- (5) American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees Council 5;
- (6) Education Minnesota;
- (7) Service Employees International Union; and
- (8) the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce.

The appointing authorities under this section shall complete their initial appointments no later than July 1, 2010.

(b) The council shall seek input from nonmember organizations whose expertise can help inform the council's work.

(c) In conjunction with the state auditor's duties to recommend best practices for delivery of local government services, the state auditor shall serve as chair of the council and shall convene the first meeting by July 31, 2010. The council must meet at least quarterly and must provide notice of its meetings to the public and to the members of the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over state and local government, education policy and finance, and early childhood through grade 12 education policy and finance. Meetings of the council shall be open to the public.

(d) Members do not receive compensation or reimbursement of expenses from the council for service on the council.

Subd. 2. **Powers and duties; report.** (a) The council shall develop recommendations to the governor and the legislature designed to increase collaboration in government. These recommendations may include, but are not limited to, strategies, policies, or other actions focused on the following:

- (1) the review of statutes, laws, and rules that slow or prevent collaboration efforts;
- (2) the use of collaboration to improve the delivery of governmental services;
- (3) the use of technology to connect entities and share information, including broadband access;
- (4) the modernization of financial transactions and their oversight by facilitating credit and debit card transactions, electronic funds, transfers, and electronic data interchange; and
- (5) the creation of model forms for joint power agreements.

(b) By February 1 of each year, the council shall submit its recommendations, including any draft legislation necessary to implement its recommendations, to the governor and to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over state and local government policy and finance and early childhood through grade 12 education policy and finance.

Subd. 3. **Expiration.** This section expires June 30, 2015.

15.059 ADVISORY COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES.

Subd. 5. **Expiration date.** (a) Unless a different date is specified by law, the existence of each advisory council and committee expires on the date specified in the law establishing the group or on June 30, 2009, whichever is sooner. This subdivision applies whether or not the law establishing the group provides that the group is governed by this section. The secretary of state must notify the primary appointing authority or chair of an advisory council or committee of its scheduled expiration before the start of the annual legislative session immediately preceding the group's scheduled expiration.

- (b) An advisory council or committee does not expire in accordance with paragraph (a) if it:
- (1) is an occupational licensure advisory group to a licensing board or agency;
 - (2) administers and awards grants; or
 - (3) is required by federal law or regulation.

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Subd. 5b. **Continuation dependent on federal law.** Notwithstanding this section, the following councils and committees do not expire unless federal law no longer requires the existence of the council or committee:

- (1) Rehabilitation Council for the Blind, created in section 248.10;
- (2) Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee, created in section 299A.72;
- (3) Governor's Workforce Development Council, created in section 116L.665;
- (4) local workforce councils, created in section 116L.666, subdivision 2;
- (5) Rehabilitation Council, created in section 268A.02, subdivision 2;
- (6) Statewide Independent Living Council, created in section 268A.02, subdivision 2; and
- (7) Interagency Coordinating Council, created in section 125A.28.

15B.32 STATE CAPITOL PRESERVATION COMMISSION.

Subd. 7. **Expiration.** Notwithstanding section 15.059, subdivision 5, the State Capitol Preservation Commission does not expire.

16E.0475 ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR TECHNOLOGY STANDARDS FOR ACCESSIBILITY AND USABILITY.

Subdivision 1. **Membership.** (a) The Advisory Committee for Technology Standards for Accessibility and Usability consists of ten members, appointed as follows:

- (1) the state chief information officer, or the state chief information officer's designee;
 - (2) a representative from State Services for the Blind, appointed by the commissioner of employment and economic development;
 - (3) the commissioner of administration, or the commissioner's designee;
 - (4) a representative selected by the Minnesota system of technology to achieve results program;
 - (5) a representative selected by the Commission of Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard-of-Hearing Minnesotans;
 - (6) the commissioner of education, or the commissioner's designee;
 - (7) the commissioner of health, or the commissioner's designee;
 - (8) the commissioner of human services, or the commissioner's designee;
 - (9) one representative from the Minnesota judicial system designated by the chief justice;
- and
- (10) one staff member from the legislature, appointed by the chair of the Legislative Coordinating Commission.

(b) The appointing authorities under this subdivision must use their best efforts to ensure that the membership of the advisory committee includes at least one representative who is deaf, hard-of-hearing, or deafblind and at least one representative who is blind.

(c) The advisory committee shall elect a chair from its membership.

Subd. 2. **Duties.** (a) The advisory committee shall:

- (1) review processes to be used for the evaluation or certification of accessibility of technology against accessibility standards;
- (2) review the exception process and thresholds for any deviation from the accessibility standards;
- (3) identify, in consultation with state agencies serving Minnesotans with disabilities, resources for training and technical assistance for state agency staff, including instruction regarding compliance with accessibility standards;
- (4) convene customer groups composed of individuals with disabilities to assist in implementation of accessibility standards;
- (5) review customer comments about accessibility and usability issues collected by State Services for the Blind;
- (6) develop proposals for funding captioning of live videoconferencing, live Webcasts, Web streaming, podcasts, and other emerging technologies;
- (7) provide advice and recommendations regarding the technology accessibility program operation and objectives;
- (8) review and make recommendations regarding individual agency accessibility plans;
- (9) review and make recommendations regarding new or amended accessibility standards and policies;
- (10) review and make recommendations regarding assessments of progress in implementing accessibility standards; and

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(11) consult with the chief information officer, if the chief information officer determines that any accessibility standard poses an undue burden to the state.

(b) The advisory committee shall report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over state technology systems by January 15 each year regarding the findings, progress, and recommendations made by the advisory committee under this subdivision. The report shall include any draft legislation necessary to implement the committee's recommendations.

Subd. 3. **Terms, compensation, and removal.** The terms, compensation, and removal of members are governed by section 15.059.

Subd. 4. **Expiration.** This section expires June 30, 2013.

43A.316 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES INSURANCE PROGRAM.

Subd. 4. **Labor-Management Committee.** The Labor-Management Committee consists of ten members appointed by the commissioner. The Labor-Management Committee must comprise five members who represent employees, including at least one retired employee, and five members who represent eligible employers. Committee members are eligible for expense reimbursement in the same manner and amount as authorized by the commissioner's plan adopted under section 43A.18, subdivision 2. The commissioner shall consult with the labor-management committee in major decisions that affect the program. The committee shall study issues relating to the insurance program including, but not limited to, flexible benefits, utilization review, quality assessment, and cost efficiency. The committee continues to exist while the program remains in operation.

43A.317 MINNESOTA EMPLOYEES INSURANCE PROGRAM.

Subd. 4. **Advisory committee.** After the commissioner consults as required in subdivision 3 and then determines to make the program available, the commissioner shall establish a ten-member advisory committee that includes five members who represent eligible employers and five members who represent eligible individuals. The committee shall advise the commissioner on issues related to administration of the program. The committee is governed by sections 15.014 and 15.059, and continues to exist while the program remains in operation.

127A.70 MINNESOTA P-20 EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP.

Subd. 3. **Expiration.** Notwithstanding section 15.059, subdivision 5, the partnership is permanent and does not expire.

136A.031 ADVISORY GROUPS.

Subd. 5. **Expiration.** Notwithstanding section 15.059, subdivision 5, the advisory groups established in this section do not expire.

147E.35 REGISTERED NATUROPATHIC DOCTOR ADVISORY COUNCIL.

Subd. 4. **Expiration.** Notwithstanding section 15.059, the advisory council is permanent and does not expire.

196.30 VETERANS HEALTH CARE ADVISORY COUNCIL.

Subdivision 1. **Creation.** The Veterans Health Care Advisory Council is established to provide the Department of Veterans Affairs with advice and recommendations on providing veterans with quality long-term care and the anticipated future needs of Minnesota veterans.

Subd. 2. **Membership.** (a) The council consists of nine public members appointed by the governor. The council members are:

(1) seven members with extensive expertise in health care delivery, long-term care, and veterans services;

(2) one licensed clinician who may be either a physician, physician's assistant, or a nurse practitioner; and

(3) one additional member.

(b) The governor shall designate a member to serve as the chair.

(c) The commissioner of veterans affairs, or the commissioner's designee, is an ex officio, nonvoting member of the council and shall provide necessary and appropriate administrative and technical support to the council.

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(d) Membership terms, removal of members, and the filling of vacancies are as provided in section 15.059, subdivisions 2 and 4. Members shall not receive compensation or per diem payments, but may receive reimbursement for expenses pursuant to section 15.059, subdivision 3.

Subd. 3. **Duties.** The council is an advisory group with the responsibility of providing the commissioner of veterans affairs with information and professional expertise on the delivery of quality long-term care to veterans. The council's duties include:

(1) developing a new vision and strategic plan for the veterans homes that complements the Department of Veterans Affairs overall veterans service programs;

(2) providing recommendations and advice on matters including clinical performance, systemwide quality improvement efforts, culture and working environment of the veterans homes, and other operational and organizational functions of the veterans homes;

(3) studying and reviewing current issues and trends in the long-term care industry and the veterans community;

(4) providing recommendations to the commissioner on alternative options for the delivery of long-term care to veterans so that veterans and their families can determine appropriate services under models similar to those available in the community;

(5) establishing, as appropriate, subcommittees or ad hoc task forces of council members, stakeholders, and other individuals with expertise or experience to address specific issues; and

(6) reviewing and providing advice on any other matter at the request of the commissioner.

Subd. 4. **Expiration.** Notwithstanding section 15.059, subdivision 4, the council expires June 30, 2013.

197.585 HIGHER EDUCATION VETERANS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

Subd. 2. **Steering committee.** The commissioner of veterans affairs shall chair a higher education veterans assistance program steering committee composed of:

(1) the adjutant general or the adjutant general's designee;

(2) a representative of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, designated by the chancellor;

(3) a representative of the University of Minnesota, appointed by the president of the university;

(4) a representative of private colleges and universities in Minnesota, appointed by the governor;

(5) a representative of the Office of Higher Education, appointed by the commissioner of that department;

(6) a representative of county veterans service offices, appointed by the commissioner of veterans affairs; and

(7) a representative of the Department of Employment and Economic Development, appointed by the commissioner of that department.

The steering committee shall advise the commissioner of veterans affairs regarding the allocation of appropriations for the purposes of this section and shall develop a long-range plan to serve the needs of students at higher education institutions in Minnesota who are veterans.

Subd. 4. **Report.** Beginning January 15, 2007, and each year thereafter, the steering committee established in subdivision 2 shall report to the chairs of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over veterans affairs policy and finance and higher education policy and finance regarding the implementation and effectiveness of the program established in this section.

241.021 LICENSING AND SUPERVISION OF FACILITIES.

Subd. 4c. **Duration of peer review committee.** The peer review committee under subdivision 4b does not expire and the expiration date provided in section 15.059, subdivision 5, does not apply to this section.

245.97 OMBUDSMAN COMMITTEE.

Subd. 7. **Duration.** The committee does not expire and the expiration date provided in section 15.059, subdivision 5, does not apply to this section.

270C.991 PROPERTY TAX SYSTEM BENCHMARKS AND CRITICAL INDICATORS.

Subd. 4. **Property tax working group.** (a) A property tax working group is established as provided in this subdivision. The goals of the working group are:

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(1) to investigate ways to simplify the property tax system and make advisory recommendations on ways to make the system more understandable;

(2) to reexamine the property tax calendar to determine what changes could be made to shorten the two-year cycle from assessment through property tax collection; and

(3) to determine the cost versus the benefits of the various property tax components, including property classifications, credits, aids, exclusions, exemptions, and abatements, and to suggest ways to achieve some of the goals in simpler and more cost-efficient ways.

(b) The 12-member working group shall consist of the following members:

(1) two state representatives, both appointed by the chair of the house of representatives Taxes Committee, one from the majority party and one from the largest minority party;

(2) two senators appointed by the Subcommittee on Committees of the Senate Rules and Administration Committee, one from the majority party and one from the largest minority party;

(3) one person appointed by the Association of Minnesota Counties;

(4) one person appointed by the League of Minnesota Cities;

(5) one person appointed by the Minnesota Association of Townships;

(6) one person appointed by the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce;

(7) one person appointed by the Minnesota Association of Assessing Officers;

(8) two homeowners, one who is under 65 years of age, and one who is 65 years of age or older, both appointed by the commissioner of revenue; and

(9) one person jointly appointed by the Minnesota Farm Bureau and the Minnesota Farmers Union.

The commissioner of revenue shall chair the initial meeting, and the working group shall elect a chair at that initial meeting. The working group will meet at the call of the chair. Members of the working group shall serve without compensation. The commissioner of revenue must provide administrative support to the working group. Chapter 13D does not apply to meetings of the working group. Meetings of the working group must be open to the public and the working group must provide notice of a meeting to potentially interested persons at least seven days before the meeting. A meeting of the working group occurs when a quorum is present.

(c) The working group shall make its advisory recommendations to the chairs of the house of representatives and senate Taxes Committees on or before February 1, 2013, at which time the working group shall be finished and this subdivision expires. The advisory recommendations should be reviewed by the Taxes Committees under subdivision 5.