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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to state government; establishing a Legislative Commission to Review
1.3 Consolidation of the State's Information Technology; requiring a report.

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

1.5 Section 1. LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO REVIEW CONSOLIDATION OF
1.6 THE STATE'S INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Definitions. As used in this section, "information technology" means
1.8 information and telecommunications technology systems and services; and "consolidation"
1.9 means the reorganization of the state's information technology under a single agency as
1.10 provided under Laws 1997, chapter 202.

1.11 Subd. 2. Membership. The Legislative Commission to Review Consolidation of the
1.12 State's Information Technology consists of the following eight members:

1.13 (1) four senators, including two senators appointed by the senate majority leader and
1.14 two senators appointed by the senate minority leader; and

1.15 (2) four members of the house of representatives, including two members appointed by
1.16 the speaker of the house of representatives and two members appointed by the house minority
1.17 leader.

1.18 Subd. 3. Terms; vacancies. Members of the commission serve until the commission
1.19 sunsets. A vacancy in the membership of the commission must be filled for the unexpired
1.20 term in a manner that preserves the representation established by this section.

1.21 Subd. 4. Duties. The commission shall review the results achieved by the state's
1.22 consolidation of its information technology under one agency.

2.1 Subd. 5. **Chair.** The commission shall elect a chair by a majority vote of those members
2.2 present.

2.3 Subd. 6. **Meetings.** The meetings of the commission are subject to Minnesota Statutes,
2.4 section 3.055, except that the commission may close a meeting when necessary to safeguard
2.5 the state's cyber security.

2.6 Subd. 7. **Administration.** The Legislative Coordinating Commission shall provide
2.7 administrative services for the commission.

2.8 Subd. 8. **Compensation.** Members may receive per diem for attending commission
2.9 meetings in accordance with the rules of their respective bodies and may be reimbursed for
2.10 their reasonable expenses as provided by the rules of their respective legislative bodies.

2.11 Subd. 9. **Report.** By April 30, 2018, the commission shall report the results of the
2.12 commission's review to the chairs and ranking minority members of the committees in the
2.13 senate and in the house of representatives with jurisdiction over state government policy
2.14 and state government finance. The report should address the following topics:

2.15 (1) the number of full-time employees that provided information technology services to
2.16 state agencies prior to the consolidation and the number of full-time employees that provide
2.17 information technology services to state agencies in fiscal year 2017;

2.18 (2) the cost to the state of information technology in the year prior to consolidation and
2.19 the cost in fiscal year 2017;

2.20 (3) the usefulness, effectiveness, and efficiency of information technology now used by
2.21 state agencies and how this compares to prior consolidation;

2.22 (4) the responsiveness of MN.IT staff to requests for service from state agencies, and
2.23 how this compares to the responsiveness of information technology staff prior to
2.24 consolidation; and

2.25 (5) a conclusion as to whether a consolidated information technology office is the best
2.26 option for supplying information technology to state agencies.

2.27 Subd. 10. **Sunset.** The commission sunsets April 30, 2018, or the day after submission
2.28 of the report required in subdivision 9, whichever is earlier.

3.1 Sec. 2. FIRST APPOINTMENTS AND FIRST MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE
3.2 COMMISSION TO REVIEW CONSOLIDATION OF THE STATE'S INFORMATION
3.3 TECHNOLOGY.

3.4 Subdivision 1. **First appointments.** Appointing authorities must make initial
3.5 appointments to the Legislative Commission to Review Consolidation of the State's
3.6 Information Technology by June 1, 2017.

3.7 Subd. 2. **First meeting.** The member designated by the senate majority leader shall
3.8 convene the first meeting of the Legislative Commission to Review Consolidation of the
3.9 State's Information Technology under section 1 by September 15, 2017.