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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1684

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; making technical changes to remove certain obsolete
1.3 dates; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, sections 174.185, subdivision 3; 174.24,
1.4 subdivision 7; 174.285, subdivision 5; 174.40, subdivision 5; 174.56, subdivision
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1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 174.185, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 3. Report. The commissioner shall report annually to the chairs and ranking
1.9 minority members of the senate and house of representatives committees with jurisdiction
1.10 over transportation finance beginning on January 1, 2012, the results of the analyses required
1.11 in subdivision 2.

1.12 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 174.24, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

1.13 Subd. 7. Transit service for disabled veterans. On and after July 1, 2009, An eligible
1.14 recipient of operating assistance under this section, who contracts or has contracted to
1.15 provide fixed route public transit, shall provide fixed route public transit service free of
1.16 charge for veterans, as defined in section 197.447, certified as disabled. For purposes of
1.17 this section, "certified as disabled" means certified in writing by the United States Department
1.18 of Veterans Affairs or the state commissioner of veterans affairs as having a permanent
1.19 service-connected disability.

1.20 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 174.285, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

1.21 Subd. 5. Report. By January 15 of each year, beginning in 2012, the council shall report
1.22 its findings, recommendations, and activities to the governor's office and to the chairs and

2.1 ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over transportation,
2.2 health, and human services, and to the legislature as provided under section 3.195.

2.3 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 174.40, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

2.4 Subd. 5. **Program administration.** (a) The commissioner shall establish general program
2.5 requirements and a competitive process for financial assistance, including but not limited
2.6 to eligibility requirements for grant recipients and projects; procedures for solicitation of
2.7 grants; application requirements; procedures for payment of financial assistance awards;
2.8 and a schedule for application, evaluation, and award of financial assistance.

2.9 (b) An application must include:

2.10 (1) a detailed and specific description of the project;

2.11 (2) an estimate, along with necessary supporting evidence, of the total costs for the
2.12 project and the allocation of identified and proposed funding sources for the project;

2.13 (3) an assessment of the need for and benefits of the project;

2.14 (4) a resolution adopted by the governing body of the school for which a safe routes to
2.15 school grant is requested, certifying that: (i) the governing body of the school supports the
2.16 project; and (ii) funds, if any, required to be supplied by the school to complete the project
2.17 are available and committed;

2.18 (5) a timeline indicating the major milestones of the project and their anticipated
2.19 completion dates; and

2.20 (6) any additional information or material the commissioner prescribes.

2.21 (c) The commissioner shall make reasonable efforts to (1) publicize each solicitation
2.22 for applications among all eligible recipients, and (2) provide technical and informational
2.23 assistance in creating and submitting applications.

2.24 (d) ~~By January 1, 2013,~~ The commissioner of transportation shall publish and maintain
2.25 a manual on the safe routes to school program that assists applicants for and recipients of
2.26 financial assistance. The manual must include a list of eligibility and general program
2.27 requirements, an explanation of the application process, and a review of the criteria used
2.28 to evaluate projects.

2.29 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 174.56, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

2.30 Subdivision 1. **Report required.** (a) The commissioner of transportation shall submit
2.31 a report by December 15 of each year on (1) the status of major highway projects completed

3.1 during the previous two years or under construction or planned during the year of the report
3.2 and for the ensuing 15 years, (2) trunk highway fund expenditures, and (3) ~~beginning with~~
3.3 ~~the report due in 2016~~, efficiencies achieved during the previous two fiscal years.

3.4 (b) For purposes of this section, a "major highway project" is a highway project that has
3.5 a total cost for all segments that the commissioner estimates at the time of the report to be
3.6 at least (1) \$15,000,000 in the metropolitan highway construction district, or (2) \$5,000,000
3.7 in any nonmetropolitan highway construction district.