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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations
03/07/2013 Adoption of Report: Pass as Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Taxes

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to metropolitan government; providing a process for joint governance of
1.3 certain entertainment facilities in Minneapolis and St. Paul.

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

1.5 Section 1. MINNEAPOLIS AND ST. PAUL; ENTERTAINMENT FACILITIES
1.6 COORDINATION.

1.7 (a) On or before January 1, 2015, the cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis shall establish
1.8 a joint governing structure to coordinate and provide for joint marketing, promotion, and
1.9 scheduling of conventions and events at the Target Center and Xcel Energy Center.

1.10 (b) On or before February 1, 2014, the cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis, and
1.11 representatives from the primary professional sports team tenant of each facility, shall also
1.12 study and report to the legislature on creating a joint governing structure to provide for
1.13 joint administration, financing, and operations of the facilities and the possible effects of
1.14 joint governance on the finances of each facility and each city. The study under this
1.15 paragraph must:

1.16 (1) examine the current finances of each facility, including past and projected costs
1.17 and revenues; projected capital improvements; and the current and projected impact
1.18 of each facility on the city's general fund;

1.19 (2) determine the impacts of joint governance on the future finances of each facility
1.20 and city;

1.21 (3) examine the inclusion of other entertainment venues in the joint governance, and
1.22 the impact the inclusion of those facilities would have on all the facilities within the joint
1.23 governing structure and the cities in which they are located; and

2.1 (4) consider the amount of city, regional, and state funding, if any, that would be
2.2 required to fund and operate the facilities under a joint governing structure.

2.3 (c) In considering joint governing structures under paragraph (b), the study shall
2.4 specifically consider the feasibility of joining the Target Center and the Xcel Energy
2.5 Center, and possibly other venues, to the Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority under
2.6 Minnesota Statutes, section 473J.08.

2.7 (d) Representatives of the cities and the primary professional sports team tenants
2.8 of each facility shall meet within 30 days of the effective date of this section to begin
2.9 implementation of this section.

2.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment
2.11 upon compliance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021, subdivisions
2.12 2 and 3, by the governing bodies of the cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis and their chief
2.13 clerical officers, and provided that, notwithstanding the time limits under Minnesota
2.14 Statutes, section 645.021, subdivision 3, the certificates of approval are filed with the
2.15 secretary of state within 30 days after enactment of this act.