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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to legislature; establishing a working group on the legislature's accessibility
1.3 measures.

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

1.5 Section 1. LEGISLATIVE EMPLOYEE WORKING GROUP ON THE
1.6 LEGISLATURE'S ACCESSIBILITY MEASURES.

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Membership.** The legislative employee working group on the legislature's
1.8 accessibility measures consists of ten members. The senate majority leader and the speaker
1.9 of the house must each appoint three employees from among the following offices that serve
1.10 their respective bodies: media offices, information technology offices, legal and fiscal
1.11 analysis offices, the secretary of the senate, the chief clerk of the house of representatives,
1.12 and other offices considered appropriate. The chair of the Legislative Coordinating
1.13 Commission must appoint four members from among the employees who serve in the Office
1.14 of the Revisor of Statutes, the Legislative Reference Library, the Legislative Coordinating
1.15 Commission, and the Office of the Legislative Auditor. In conducting its work, the working
1.16 group may consult with the MN.IT Office of Accessibility; the Commission of Deaf,
1.17 Deafblind, and Hard-of-Hearing Minnesotans; the Disability Agency Forum; and other
1.18 groups that may be of assistance. Appointments to the working group must be made by June
1.19 1, 2018.

1.20 Subd. 2. **Duties; report.** The employee working group must submit a report to the chairs
1.21 and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over rules
1.22 and to the chair and vice-chair of the Legislative Coordinating Commission by December
1.23 15, 2018. The report must: (1) identify ways that the legislature's accessibility measures do

2.1 not meet accessibility standards that are applicable to state agencies under Minnesota Statutes,
2.2 section 16E.03, subdivision 9; (2) identify issues and technologies that may present barriers
2.3 to compliance; (3) suggest a compliance exception process; (4) describe a plan to update
2.4 the legislature's accessibility measures to be comparable to those required of state agencies
2.5 under Minnesota Statutes, section 16E.03, subdivision 9; and (5) estimate the costs for those
2.6 updates to the legislature's accessibility measures. For purposes of this report, the employee
2.7 working group does not need to consider making archived documents, recordings, or
2.8 publications accessible.

2.9 Subd. 3. **First meeting; chair.** The executive director of the Legislative Coordinating
2.10 Commission shall convene the first meeting of the working group by July 15, 2018. At the
2.11 first meeting, the members shall elect a chair.

2.12 Subd. 4. **Compensation; reimbursement.** Members serve without compensation but
2.13 may be reimbursed for expenses.

2.14 Subd. 5. **Administrative support.** The Legislative Coordinating Commission shall
2.15 provide administrative support to the working group.

2.16 Subd. 6. **Expiration.** The working group shall expire December 16, 2018, or the day
2.17 after submitting the report required under this section, whichever is earlier.

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