

Sec. 6. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This act is effective July 1, 1978.

Approved May 18, 1977.

CHAPTER 106—H.F.No.888

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An act relating to education; authorizing school boards to appoint a student advisory member.

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

Section 1. **[123.744] EDUCATION; STUDENT ADVISORY MEMBERS OF SCHOOL BOARDS.** The board of directors of any school district may appoint a student to serve as an advisory member to the school board. The student shall serve as an advisory member to the board only as long as he attends school in the district, and shall not receive any compensation or be reimbursed for any expenses incurred while serving in this capacity.

A student advisory member may be permitted to attend school board meetings, to be furnished with agenda materials, to introduce items for inclusion in the agenda, and to participate in discussion but shall not be entitled to vote.

Approved May 18, 1977.

CHAPTER 107—H.F.No.903

An act relating to public transportation; making state commuter vans available for use by blind vending operators working on state property; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 16.756.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 16.756, is amended to read:

16.756 STATE COMMUTER VANS; STATE EMPLOYEES AND BLIND VENDING OPERATORS. Subdivision 1. In order to conserve energy and to alleviate traffic congestion in and about the location of state offices, the commissioner of administration shall, in cooperation with the director of the Minnesota energy agency, the commissioner of transportation and interested nonprofit agencies, establish and operate an employee transportation program utilizing commuter vans with a capacity of not less than seven nor more than 16 passengers. The commissioner shall acquire or lease commuter vans, or otherwise contract for the provision of commuter vans, and shall make

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the vans available for the use of state employees and blind vending operators in a manner consistent with standards and procedures adopted by the commissioner. Standards and procedures adopted pursuant to this subdivision shall not be subject to chapter 15. Commuter vans may be used by state employees and blind vending operators to travel between their homes and their work locations, and for personal purposes after working hours, not including partisan political activity. The commissioner shall provide in his standards and procedures for the recovery by the state of vehicle acquisition, lease, operation and insurance costs through efficient and convenient assignment of vans, and for the billing of costs and collection of fees. A state employee using a van for personal use shall pay, pursuant to the standards and procedures adopted by the commissioner, for operating and routine maintenance costs incurred as a result of the personal use. The commissioner shall promote the maximum practicable participation of state employees and blind vending operators in the use of the vans. Fees collected pursuant to this subdivision shall be deposited in the accounts from which the costs of operating, maintaining and leasing or amortizing acquisition costs for the specific vehicle are paid.

Subd. 2. Use of the vans shall be limited to areas not having adequate public transportation between the residences of state employees and blind vending operators and their places of employment. During the first year, the van program shall be implemented both in the seven-county metropolitan area and in one other region of the state.

Subd. 3. The program shall be evaluated after its first year of operation, and the commissioner of administration shall at that time recommend to the legislature whether the program should be expanded or discontinued. The commissioner shall at least semi-annually inform the metropolitan council and the capitol area architectural and planning board on the operation of the program.

Subd. 4. Notwithstanding section 153.1 or any other law to the contrary, the commissioner of administration may purchase, pursuant to this chapter, collision insurance coverage for the commuter vans. Notwithstanding sections 16.75, subdivision 7, and 168.012, the vans shall not be marked. The vans shall not be equipped with tax-exempt motor vehicle number plates.

Subd. 5. "Blind vending operator" means a blind person licensed to operate a vending stand or machine pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 248.07.

Approved May 18, 1977.

CHAPTER 108—H.F.No.1003

An act relating to motor vehicles; licensing and taxation; providing for biennial payment of the tax assessed on certain trailers; dimensional specifications for trailer number plates; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Sections 168.013, Subdivision 1d, and 168.12.

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

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