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A bill for an act  
relating to state government; extending the expiration date for the Advisory  
Committee for Technology Standards for Accessibility and Usability and  
codifying the advisory committee; appropriating money; proposing coding for  
new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16E.  
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **[16E.0475] ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR TECHNOLOGY  
STANDARDS FOR ACCESSIBILITY AND USABILITY.**

Subdivision 1. **Membership.** The Advisory Committee for Technology Standards  
for Accessibility and Usability consists of ten members, appointed as follows:

(1) the state chief information officer, or the state chief information officer's designee;

(2) a representative from State Services for the Blind, appointed by the commissioner  
of employment and economic development;

(3) the commissioner of administration, or the commissioner's designee;

(4) a representative selected by the Minnesota system of technology to achieve  
results program;

(5) a representative selected by the Commission of Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard  
of Hearing Minnesotans;

(6) the commissioner of education, or the commissioner's designee;

(7) the commissioner of health, or the commissioner's designee;

(8) the commissioner of human services, or the commissioner's designee;

(9) one representative from the Minnesota judicial system designated by the chief  
justice; and

(10) one staff member from the legislature, appointed by the chair of the Legislative  
Coordinating Commission.

The appointing authorities under this subdivision must use their best efforts to ensure that the membership of the advisory committee includes at least one representative who is deaf, hard-of-hearing, or deaf-blind, and at least one representative who is blind.

The advisory committee shall elect a chair from its membership.

Subd. 2. **Duties.** The advisory committee shall:

(1) recommend review processes to be used for the evaluation or certification of accessibility of technology against accessibility standards;

(2) recommend an exception process and thresholds for any deviation from the accessibility standards;

(3) identify, in consultation with state agencies serving Minnesotans with disabilities, resources for training and technical assistance for state agency staff, including instruction regarding compliance with accessibility standards;

(4) convene customer groups composed of individuals with disabilities to assist in implementation of accessibility standards;

(5) review customer comments about accessibility and usability issues collected by State Services for the Blind; and

(6) develop proposals for funding captioning of live videoconferencing, live Webcasts, Web streaming, podcasts, and other emerging technologies.

The advisory committee shall report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over state technology systems by January 15 of each year, regarding the findings, progress, and recommendations made by the advisory committee under this subdivision. The report shall include any draft legislation necessary to implement the committee's recommendations.

Subd. 3. **Terms, compensation, and removal.** The terms, compensation, and removal of members are governed by section 15.059.

Subd. 4. **Expiration.** This section expires June 30, 2013.

**Sec. 2. TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACCESS MINNESOTA FUND; APPROPRIATIONS.**

(a) In addition to the appropriation authorized in Minnesota Statutes, section 237.52, \$400,000 in fiscal year 2012 and \$400,000 in fiscal year 2013 are appropriated from the telecommunications access Minnesota fund as follows:

(1) \$230,000 each year is to the chief information officer for coordinating technology accessibility and usability;

- 3.1           (2) \$20,000 each year is to the Commission of DeafBlind and Hard of Hearing  
3.2           Minnesotans to provide information on their Web site in American Sign Language and to  
3.3           provide technical assistance to state agencies; and  
3.4           (3) \$150,000 each year is to the Legislative Coordinating Commission to provide  
3.5           captioning of live streaming of legislative activity on the commission's Web site and for a  
3.6           consolidated access fund for other state agencies.  
3.7           (b) These are onetime appropriations.