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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1811

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Elections

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to state government; providing that appropriations continue in effect at a
1.3 specified level, with certain conditions; appropriating money; proposing coding
1.4 for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16A.

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

1.6 Section 1. [16A.117] CONTINUING APPROPRIATION.

1.7 (a) Unless otherwise provided by law, the amount necessary to fund, at the level
1.8 specified in paragraph (b), each state entity in the executive, legislative, and judicial
1.9 branches, and programs and grants administered by that entity, is appropriated on July 1 of
1.10 each odd-numbered year for the biennium ending on June 30 of the next odd-numbered
1.11 year from the appropriate funds and accounts in the state treasury. This paragraph does not
1.12 apply if a law is enacted specifying an appropriation of zero for an entity or its programs
1.13 or grants or an appropriation at a level other than the level specified in paragraph (b).

1.14 (b) Appropriations made in this section are 90 percent of the base level. The base
1.15 level is the amount appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30 of the year in which
1.16 the appropriation in paragraph (a) takes effect unless the base is set at a different level by
1.17 law. However, the base level is zero for an appropriation that was designated as onetime
1.18 or that the commissioner of management and budget determines is onetime in nature.
1.19 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, for all statutory general fund appropriations, the
1.20 appropriation under this section is 90 percent of the appropriation for the prior fiscal year.
1.21 The governor may defer or suspend prior statutorily created obligations as necessary to
1.22 comply with appropriation levels specified in this paragraph.