

**16C.141 EMPLOYEE SUGGESTIONS; ENERGY-SAVINGS INCENTIVE PROGRAM.**

Subdivision 1. **Creation of program.** The commissioner of administration must implement a program using best practices and develop policies under which state employees may receive cash awards for making suggestions that result in documented cost savings to state agencies from reduced energy usage in state-owned buildings. The program must be structured to provide state employees an opportunity to receive a cash award for suggestions that are implemented and result in documented cost savings to state agencies from reduced energy use in state-owned buildings. The program must also include methods to document submissions of suggestions and energy and cost savings resulting from the implementation of employee suggestions.

Subd. 2. **Funding.** To the extent necessary to fund the program under this section, the commissioner of administration, with approval of the commissioner of finance, may transfer a portion of the documented cost savings resulting from a suggestion under this section from the general services revolving fund to an energy-savings reward account. Money in the energy-savings reward account is appropriated to the commissioner for purposes of making cash rewards and paying the commissioner's incentive program developments costs and administrative expenses under this section.

Subd. 3. **Report to legislature.** The commissioner of administration shall report to the chairs of the senate and house of representatives committees with jurisdiction over energy policy by January 1, 2008, on the development of the incentive program, and by January 15 each year thereafter on the implementation of this section, including the ideas submitted and energy savings realized.

Subd. 4. **Minnesota State Colleges and Universities.** This section does not apply to the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, except to the extent the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities provides that the section does apply.

Subd. 5. **Repeal.** This section is repealed July 1, 2009.

**History:** 2007 c 57 art 2 s 6