

116J.9921 OFFICE OF PUBLIC SERVICE.

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the terms in this subdivision have the meanings given.

(b) "Department" means the Department of Employment and Economic Development.

(c) "Office" means the Office of Public Service established under this section.

(d) "Public service opportunity" means a public service position, including but not limited to those in the ServeMinnesota Innovation Act, sections 124D.37 to 124D.45; the Domestic and Volunteer Service Act of 1973, United States Code, title 42, section 4950, as amended; and the National and Community Service Act of 1990, United States Code, title 42, section 12501, as amended.

(e) "ServeMinnesota" means the Minnesota Commission on National and Community Service as established in section 124D.385.

Subd. 2. **Office established; purpose.** (a) An Office of Public Service is established within the Department of Employment and Economic Development. The department may employ a director and staff necessary to carry out the office's duties under subdivision 4.

(b) The purpose of the office is to promote and expand existing public service opportunities, ensure state public service goals and strategy align with the state's workforce development strategy, identify available service opportunities across the state, identify areas for expansion of service programs, and create and strengthen career pathways aligned with public service opportunities.

Subd. 3. **Organization.** The office shall consist of a director and staff necessary to carry out the office's duties under subdivision 4.

Subd. 4. **Duties.** The office shall have the power and duty to:

(1) coordinate with state agencies including but not limited to Minnesota Management and Budget and the Department of Education, and with state and federal public service organizations such as ServeMinnesota to develop, recommend, and implement solutions to promote and expand existing public service opportunities;

(2) administer the Service to Success Opportunity grant program and other appropriations to the department for this purpose;

(3) identify state and federal public service opportunities;

(4) develop career pathways aligned with public service opportunities;

(5) provide an annual report, as required by subdivision 5; and

(6) perform any other activities consistent with the office's purpose.

Subd. 5. **Reporting.** (a) Beginning January 15, 2027, and every two years thereafter, the Office of Public Service shall report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over the Department of Employment and Economic Development on the office's activities during the previous year.

(b) The report shall contain, at a minimum:

(1) a summary of the office's activities;

(2) an update of any grants administered by the office, including the number of grants, grant recipients, average grant amount, and outcomes of those grants;

(3) a summary of the office's activities; and

(4) any other information requested by the legislative committees with jurisdiction over the Department of Employment and Economic Development, or that the office deems necessary.

(c) The report may be submitted electronically and is subject to section 3.195, subdivision 1.

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