115A.072 PUBLIC EDUCATION.

Subdivision 1. **Environmental education programs.** The commissioner shall provide for the development and implementation of environmental education programs that are designed to meet the goals listed in section 115A.073.

Subd. 2. **Waste management education.** In addition to the commissioner's general duties established in subdivision 1, the commissioner shall:

(1) develop a statewide waste management public education campaign with materials that may be easily adapted by political subdivisions to meet their program needs; and

(2) develop and make available to schools educational curricula on waste education for grades kindergarten to 12 to address at least waste reduction, recycling, litter, and proper management and disposal of problem materials.

Subd. 3. [Repealed, 1996 c 470 s 28]

Subd. 4. **Waste reduction and reuse program; procurement.** The commissioner shall include: (1) waste reduction and reuse, including packaging reduction and reuse; and (2) the hazards of open burning, as defined in section 88.01, of mixed municipal solid waste, especially the hazards of dioxin emissions to children, as elements of the commissioner's program of public education on waste management required under this section. The waste reduction and reuse education program must include dissemination of information and may include an award program for model waste reduction and reuse efforts. Waste reduction and reuse educational efforts must also include provision of information about and promotion of the model procurement program developed by the commissioner of administration under section 115A.15, subdivision 7, or any other model procurement program that results in significant waste reduction and reuse.

History: *1987 c 348 s 4; 1Sp1989 c 1 art 21 s 1; 1991 c 345 art 2 s 19; 1994 c 480 s 7; 1994 c 585 s 4; 1994 c 639 art 5 s 3; 1995 c 247 art 1 s 4,5; art 2 s 3; 1Sp1995 c 3 art 16 s 13; 1996 c 412 art 9 s 1; 1998 c 397 art 11 s 3; 2003 c 130 s 12; 1Sp2005 c 1 art 2 s 128,161; 2011 c 76 art 1 s 6*