

ARTICLE 1

STATE GOVERNMENT

Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS.

The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are added to the appropriations in Laws 2015, chapter 77, article 1, to the agencies and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the general fund or another named fund. The figures "2016" and "2017" used in this article mean that the addition to the appropriation listed under them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, or June 30, 2017, respectively. Supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, are effective the day following final enactment.

	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	
	<u>Available for the Year</u>	
	<u>Ending June 30</u>	
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>

Sec. 2. ADMINISTRATION

<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>528,000</u>
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<u>Subd. 2. Government and Citizen Services - Olmstead Plan Increased Capacity</u>		<u>-0-</u>		<u>148,000</u>
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For administrative costs to expand services provided under the Olmstead Plan serving people with disabilities.

<u>Subd. 3. Government and Citizen Services - Targeted Group and Veterans Business Mentoring Program</u>		<u>-0-</u>		<u>20,000</u>
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For implementing the mentoring program in Minnesota Statutes, section 16C.165, subdivision 5, for businesses owned by people in targeted groups and veterans. This is a onetime appropriation.

<u>Subd. 4. Strategic Management Services - Capitol Complex Child Care Facility</u>		<u>-0-</u>		<u>300,000</u>
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To predesign a child care facility on the Capitol complex. \$150,000 is added to the base appropriation beginning in fiscal year

2.1	<u>2018 and continuing in each fiscal year</u>			
2.2	<u>thereafter for operating the child care facility.</u>			
2.3	<u>Subd. 5. Fiscal Agent - Capitol Workers</u>			
2.4	<u>Memorial Plaque</u>		<u>-0-</u>	<u>10,000</u>
2.5	<u>To design, construct, and install the plaque</u>			
2.6	<u>or marker authorized in section 27 to honor</u>			
2.7	<u>those who constructed and died during the</u>			
2.8	<u>building of the Capitol, as well as those who</u>			
2.9	<u>worked on subsequent projects to preserve</u>			
2.10	<u>the building. This amount may be expended</u>			
2.11	<u>in either year of the biennium. This is a</u>			
2.12	<u>onetime appropriation.</u>			
2.13	<u>Subd. 6. Fiscal Agent - Veterans' Voices</u>		<u>-0-</u>	<u>50,000</u>
2.14	<u>For a grant to the Association of Minnesota</u>			
2.15	<u>Public Educational Radio Stations for</u>			
2.16	<u>statewide programming to promote the</u>			
2.17	<u>Veterans' Voices program. This is a onetime</u>			
2.18	<u>appropriation.</u>			
2.19	<u>Sec. 3. MN.IT SERVICES</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>\$ 5,000,000</u>
2.20	<u>To enhance cybersecurity across state</u>			
2.21	<u>government and is available until June 30,</u>			
2.22	<u>2019. This appropriation must also be used to</u>			
2.23	<u>provide IT services to the Gambling Control</u>			
2.24	<u>Board. This is a onetime appropriation.</u>			
2.25	<u>Sec. 4. MINNESOTA MANAGEMENT AND</u>			
2.26	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>\$ 2,500,000</u>
2.27	<u>For statewide information technology</u>			
2.28	<u>systems and is available until June 30, 2018.</u>			
2.29	<u>This is a onetime appropriation.</u>			
2.30	<u>Sec. 5. REVENUE</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>\$ 1,871,000</u>
2.31	<u>Tax System Management.</u> \$500,000 is for			
2.32	<u>tax refund fraud protection software and</u>			
2.33	<u>services.</u>			

4.1 For digital preservation and access, including
 4.2 planning and implementation of a program to
 4.3 preserve and make available resources related
 4.4 to Minnesota history. This appropriation
 4.5 is a onetime appropriation and is added to
 4.6 the appropriation in Laws 2015, chapter 77,
 4.7 article 1, section 23.

4.8 **Sec. 9. MINNESOTA STATE RETIREMENT**
 4.9 **SYSTEM**

\$

-0- \$2,000,000

4.10 **Judges Retirement Plan.** In fiscal year
 4.11 2017 for transfer to the judges' retirement
 4.12 fund defined in Minnesota Statutes, section
 4.13 490.123. This appropriation is included in
 4.14 the base and the transfer continues each fiscal
 4.15 year until the judges retirement plan reaches
 4.16 100 percent funding as determined by an
 4.17 actuarial valuation prepared under Minnesota
 4.18 Statutes, section 356.214.

4.19 **Sec. 10. MILITARY AFFAIRS**

4.20 **Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation**

\$

-0- \$1,348,000

4.21 The amounts that may be spent for each
 4.22 purpose are specified in the following
 4.23 subdivisions.

4.24 **Subd. 2. Maintenance of Training Facilities**

-0-1,100,000

4.25 For security upgrades. This is a onetime
 4.26 appropriation.

4.27 **Subd. 3. Security Improvement - General**
 4.28 **Support**

-0-248,000

4.29 For payroll costs and contracted costs of
 4.30 training and testing to provide security at
 4.31 state-owned Minnesota National Guard
 4.32 facilities.

4.33 **Sec. 11. VETERANS AFFAIRS**

5.1	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>488,000</u>
5.2	<u>Subd. 2. Veterans Homes Domiciliary Increase</u>		<u>-0-</u>		<u>88,000</u>
5.3	<u>To increase the personal needs allowance</u>				
5.4	<u>for residents of veterans homes. \$110,000</u>				
5.5	<u>is added to the base in fiscal year 2018 and</u>				
5.6	<u>\$114,000 is added to the base in fiscal year</u>				
5.7	<u>2019.</u>				
5.8	<u>Subd. 3. Mental Health Study</u>		<u>-0-</u>		<u>150,000</u>
5.9	<u>For the study and report in section 25. This</u>				
5.10	<u>is a onetime appropriation.</u>				
5.11	<u>Subd. 4. Disabled Veterans Interim Housing</u>				
5.12	<u>Study</u>		<u>-0-</u>		<u>250,000</u>
5.13	<u>For the study and report in section 26. This</u>				
5.14	<u>is a onetime appropriation.</u>				
5.15	<u>Subd. 5. Veterans Homes - Montevideo and</u>				
5.16	<u>Bemidji</u>		<u>-0-</u>		<u>-0-</u>
5.17	<u>The fiscal year 2018 and fiscal year 2019</u>				
5.18	<u>general fund base appropriation for veterans</u>				
5.19	<u>homes is increased by \$10,000,000 each</u>				
5.20	<u>fiscal year. This increase is for the operating</u>				
5.21	<u>costs of 143 skilled nursing beds added</u>				
5.22	<u>after July 1, 2016, in one or more veteran</u>				
5.23	<u>homes, including Montevideo and Bemidji.</u>				
5.24	<u>None of this increased amount may be used</u>				
5.25	<u>for operating costs at a veterans home in</u>				
5.26	<u>Minneapolis.</u>				

5.27 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 16B.33, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

5.28 Subd. 3. **Agencies must request designer.** (a) **Application.** Upon undertaking a
5.29 project with an estimated cost greater than ~~\$2,000,000~~ \$10,000,000 or a planning project
5.30 with estimated fees greater than ~~\$200,000~~ \$1,000,000, every user agency, except the
5.31 Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board, shall submit a written request for a
5.32 primary designer for its project to the commissioner, who shall forward the request to the
5.33 board. The University of Minnesota and the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities

6.1 shall follow the process in subdivision 3a to select designers for their projects. The written
6.2 request must include a description of the project, the estimated cost of completing the
6.3 project, a description of any special requirements or unique features of the proposed
6.4 project, and other information which will assist the board in carrying out its duties and
6.5 responsibilities set forth in this section.

6.6 (b) **Reactivated project.** If a project for which a designer has been selected by the
6.7 board becomes inactive, lapses, or changes as a result of project phasing, insufficient
6.8 appropriations, or other reasons, the commissioner, the Minnesota State Colleges and
6.9 Universities, or the University of Minnesota may, if the project is reactivated, retain
6.10 the same designer to complete the project.

6.11 (c) **Fee limit reached after designer selected.** If a project initially estimated to
6.12 be below the cost and planning fee limits of this subdivision has its cost or planning
6.13 fees revised so that the limits are exceeded, the project must be referred to the board for
6.14 designer selection even if a primary designer has already been selected. In this event, the
6.15 board may, without conducting interviews, elect to retain the previously selected designer
6.16 if it determines that the interests of the state are best served by that decision and shall
6.17 notify the commissioner of its determination.

6.18 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 16B.33, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

6.19 Subd. 4. **Designer selection process.** (a) **Publicity.** Upon receipt of a request
6.20 from a user agency for a primary designer, the board shall publicize the proposed
6.21 project in order to determine the identity of designers interested in the design work on
6.22 the project. The board shall establish criteria for the selection process and make this
6.23 information public, and shall compile data on and conduct interviews of designers. The
6.24 board's selection criteria must include consideration of the geographic proximity of each
6.25 interested designer's primary place of business to the location of the project and each
6.26 interested designer's performance on previous projects for the state or any other person.
6.27 Upon completing the process, the board shall select the primary designer and shall state its
6.28 reasons in writing. If the board's vote for the selection of a primary designer results in a tie
6.29 vote, the nonvoting member appointed under subdivision 2, paragraph (b), must vote for
6.30 the selection of the primary designer. Notification to the commissioner of the selection
6.31 shall be made not more than 60 days after receipt from a user agency of a request for a
6.32 primary designer. The commissioner shall promptly notify the designer and the user
6.33 agency. The commissioner shall negotiate the designer's fee and prepare the contract to
6.34 be entered into between the designer and the user agency.

7.1 (b) **Conflict of interest.** A board member may not participate in the review,
7.2 discussion, or selection of a designer or firm in which the member has a financial interest.

7.3 (c) **Selection by commissioner.** In the event the board receives a request for a
7.4 primary designer on a project, the estimated cost of which is less than the limit established
7.5 by subdivision 3, or a planning project with estimated fees of less than the limit established
7.6 by subdivision 3, the board may submit the request to the commissioner of administration,
7.7 with or without recommendations, and the commissioner shall thereupon select the
7.8 primary designer for the project.

7.9 (d) **Second selection.** If the designer selected for a project declines the appointment
7.10 or is unable to reach agreement with the commissioner on the fee or the terms of the
7.11 contract, the commissioner shall, within 60 days after the first appointment, request the
7.12 board to make another selection.

7.13 (e) **Sixty days to select.** If the board fails to make a selection and forward its
7.14 recommendation to the commissioner within 60 days of the user agency's request
7.15 for a designer, the commissioner may appoint a designer to the project without the
7.16 recommendation of the board.

7.17 (f) **Less than satisfactory performance.** The commissioner, or the University of
7.18 Minnesota and the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities for projects under their
7.19 supervision, shall forward to the board a written report describing each instance in which
7.20 the performance of a designer selected by the board or the commissioner has been less
7.21 than satisfactory. Criteria for determining satisfaction include the ability of the designer to
7.22 complete design work on time, to provide a design responsive to program needs within
7.23 the constraints of the budget, to solve design problems and achieve a design consistent
7.24 with the proposed function of the building, to avoid costly design errors or omissions,
7.25 and to observe the construction work. These reports are public data and are available for
7.26 inspection under section 13.03.

7.27 Sec. 14. **[16C.165] PROCUREMENT FROM OTHER TARGETED AND**
7.28 **VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESSES.**

7.29 Subdivision 1. **Designation of eligible groups.** The commissioner may designate
7.30 businesses that are not small but otherwise qualify under section 16C.16, subdivisions 5
7.31 and 6a, as eligible for preferences under this section.

7.32 Subd. 2. **Preference.** The commissioner may award up to a three percent preference
7.33 for specified goods, services, or construction to businesses designated under subdivision 1.

8.1 Subd. 3. **Limitations on preference.** If the application of preference under
8.2 subdivision 2 precludes a business designated under section 16C.16, subdivisions 5 and
8.3 6a, from receiving an award, the preference in subdivision 2 shall not be applied.

8.4 Subd. 4. **Subcontracting incentives and penalties.** The financial incentives for
8.5 prime contractors who exceed the goals for use of small business or small targeted group
8.6 business subcontractors and financial penalties for prime contractors who fail to meet the
8.7 goals for use of small business or small targeted group business subcontractors apply to
8.8 businesses designated under subdivision 1.

8.9 Subd. 5. **Mentoring program.** The commissioner shall collaborate with
8.10 organizations that represent targeted group and veteran-owned businesses to prepare
8.11 recommendations for establishing a targeted group and veteran-owned business mentoring
8.12 program that incentivizes larger businesses to mentor businesses certified under
8.13 subdivision 1 and section 16C.16.

8.14 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2015 Supplement, section 16C.19, is amended to read:

8.15 **16C.19 ELIGIBILITY; RULES.**

8.16 (a) A small business wishing to participate in the programs under section 16C.16,
8.17 subdivisions 4 to 7, or 16C.165, must be certified by the commissioner or by a nationally
8.18 recognized certifying organization authorized by the commissioner. The commissioner
8.19 shall adopt by rule standards and procedures for certifying that small targeted group
8.20 businesses, small businesses located in economically disadvantaged areas, and
8.21 veteran-owned small businesses are eligible to participate under the requirements of
8.22 sections 16C.16 to 16C.21. The commissioner shall adopt by rule under paragraph (g)
8.23 standards and procedures for certifying that businesses designated under section 16C.165
8.24 are eligible to participate. The commissioner shall adopt by rule standards and procedures
8.25 for hearing appeals and grievances and other rules necessary to carry out the duties set
8.26 forth in sections 16C.16 to 16C.21.

8.27 (b) The commissioner may make rules which exclude or limit the participation of
8.28 nonmanufacturing business, including third-party lessors, brokers, franchises, jobbers,
8.29 manufacturers' representatives, and others from eligibility under sections 16C.16 to 16C.21.

8.30 (c) The commissioner may make rules that set time limits and other eligibility limits
8.31 on business participation in programs under sections 16C.16 to 16C.21.

8.32 (d) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), for purposes of sections 16C.16 to 16C.21, a
8.33 veteran-owned small business, the principal place of business of which is in Minnesota,
8.34 is certified if:

9.1 (1) it has been verified by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs as
9.2 being either a veteran-owned small business or a service-disabled veteran-owned small
9.3 business, in accordance with Public Law 109-461 and Code of Federal Regulations, title
9.4 38, part 74; or

9.5 (2) the veteran-owned small business supplies the commissioner with proof that the
9.6 small business is majority-owned and operated by:

9.7 (i) a veteran as defined in section 197.447; or

9.8 (ii) a veteran with a service-connected disability, as determined at any time by the
9.9 United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

9.10 (e) Until rules are adopted pursuant to paragraph (a) for the purpose of certifying
9.11 veteran-owned small businesses, the provisions of Minnesota Rules, part 1230.1700, may
9.12 be read to include veteran-owned small businesses. In addition to the documentation
9.13 required in Minnesota Rules, part 1230.1700, the veteran owner must have been
9.14 discharged under honorable conditions from active service, as indicated by the veteran
9.15 owner's most current United States Department of Defense form DD-214.

9.16 (f) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), for purposes of sections 16C.16 to 16C.21, a
9.17 minority- or woman-owned small business, the principal place of business of which is
9.18 in Minnesota, is certified if it has been certified by the Minnesota unified certification
9.19 program under the provisions of Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, part 26.

9.20 (g) The commissioner may adopt rules to implement the programs under section
9.21 16C.16, subdivisions 4 to 7, using the expedited rulemaking process in section 14.389.

9.22 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 16E.0466, is amended to read:

9.23 **16E.0466 STATE AGENCY TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS.**

9.24 (a) Every state agency with an information or telecommunications project must
9.25 consult with the Office of MN.IT Services to determine the information technology cost
9.26 of the project. Upon agreement between the commissioner of a particular agency and
9.27 the chief information officer, the agency must transfer the information technology cost
9.28 portion of the project to the Office of MN.IT Services. Service level agreements must
9.29 document all project-related transfers under this section. Those agencies specified in
9.30 section 16E.016, paragraph (d), are exempt from the requirements of this section.

9.31 (b) Notwithstanding section 16A.28, subdivision 3, any unexpended operating
9.32 balance appropriated to a state agency may be transferred to the information and
9.33 telecommunications technology systems and services account for the information
9.34 technology cost of a specific project, subject to the review of the Legislative Advisory
9.35 Commission, under section 16E.21, subdivision 3.

10.1 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 16E.21, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

10.2 Subd. 2. **Charges.** Upon agreement of the participating agency, the Office of
10.3 MN.IT Services may collect a charge or receive a fund transfer under section 16E.0466
10.4 for purchases of information and telecommunications technology systems and services
10.5 by state agencies and other governmental entities through state contracts for purposes
10.6 described in subdivision 1. Charges collected under this section must be credited to the
10.7 information and telecommunications technology systems and services account.

10.8 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 16E.21, is amended by adding a subdivision
10.9 to read:

10.10 Subd. 3. **Legislative Advisory Commission review.** (a) No funds may be
10.11 transferred to the information and telecommunications technology systems and services
10.12 account under subdivision 2 or section 16E.0466 until the commissioner of management
10.13 and budget has submitted the proposed transfer to the members of the Legislative
10.14 Advisory Commission for review and recommendation. If the commission makes a
10.15 positive recommendation or no recommendation, or if the commission has not reviewed
10.16 the request within 20 days after the date the request to transfer funds was submitted,
10.17 the commissioner of management and budget may approve the request to transfer the
10.18 funds. If the commission recommends further review of a request to transfer funds, the
10.19 commissioner shall provide additional information to the commission. If the commission
10.20 makes a negative recommendation on the request within ten days of receiving further
10.21 information, the commissioner shall not approve the fund transfer. If the commission
10.22 makes a positive recommendation or no recommendation within ten days of receiving
10.23 further information, the commissioner may approve the fund transfer.

10.24 (b) A recommendation of the commission must be made at a meeting of the
10.25 commission unless a written recommendation is signed by all members entitled to vote on
10.26 the item as specified in section 3.30, subdivision 2. A recommendation of the commission
10.27 must be made by a majority of the commission.

10.28 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 16E.21, is amended by adding a subdivision
10.29 to read:

10.30 Subd. 4. **Lapse.** Any portion of any receipt credited to the information and
10.31 telecommunications technology systems and services account from a fund transfer under
10.32 subdivision 2 that remains unexpended and unencumbered at the close of the fiscal year
10.33 four years after the funds were received in the account shall lapse to the fund from which
10.34 the receipt was transferred.

11.1 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 16E.21, is amended by adding a subdivision
11.2 to read:

11.3 Subd. 5. **Report.** The chief information officer shall report by September 15 of
11.4 each odd-numbered year to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative
11.5 committees and divisions with jurisdiction over the office regarding the receipts credited
11.6 to the account. The report must include a description of projects funded through the
11.7 information and telecommunications technology systems and services account and each
11.8 project's current status.

11.9 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 198.03, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

11.10 Subd. 2. **Cost of care.** (a) The commissioner shall set out in rules the method of
11.11 calculating the average cost of care for the domiciliary and nursing care residents. The cost
11.12 must be determined yearly based upon the average cost per resident taking into account,
11.13 but not limited to, administrative cost of the homes, the cost of service available to the
11.14 resident, and food and lodging costs. These average costs must be calculated separately for
11.15 domiciliary and nursing care residents. The amount charged each resident for maintenance,
11.16 if anything, must be based on the appropriate average cost of care calculation and the
11.17 assets and income of the resident but must not exceed the appropriate average cost of care.

11.18 (b) Using the authority granted in section 198.03, the commissioner shall set out
11.19 in rules the method of calculating each domiciliary resident's maintenance charge. This
11.20 maintenance charge shall establish a personal needs allowance based on each domiciliary
11.21 resident's monthly income. For the period of July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2017, the personal
11.22 needs allowance shall not be less than \$122 per month. For the period of July 1, 2017,
11.23 to June 30, 2018, the personal needs allowance shall not be less than \$130 per month.
11.24 Thereafter, the minimum personal needs allowance must be adjusted by multiplying
11.25 the allowance by one-half of the percentage change of the Consumer Price Index on
11.26 the first day of each fiscal year.

11.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

11.28 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 198.03, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

11.29 Subd. 3. **Arrearages.** Residents are liable for paying all of their overdue
11.30 maintenance charges. Overdue maintenance charges incurred after May 1, 1990, may be
11.31 charged interest according to section 334.01. A resident owing overdue maintenance to
11.32 the state of Minnesota ~~for charges incurred prior to May 1, 1990,~~ may continue to stay in
11.33 the home if the resident enters into an agreement, including a payment schedule, with the
11.34 administrator for the payment of the arrearage and abides by the agreement. Residents

12.1 who do not promptly pay maintenance or who do not abide by their agreements to pay
 12.2 overdue maintenance to the state of Minnesota may be discharged from the home. The
 12.3 payment schedule agreed to between the administrator and the resident must provide for
 12.4 the prompt payment of the overdue maintenance owed by the resident, but it must not
 12.5 reduce the resident's personal needs allowance below ~~that which is provided for in the~~
 12.6 ~~administrative rules of the facility~~ the amounts specified in subdivision 2.

12.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

12.8 Sec. 23. **[198.365] VETERANS HOMES; MONTEVIDEO AND BEMIDJI.**

12.9 **Subdivision 1. Veterans homes established.** The commissioner of veterans affairs
 12.10 may apply for federal funding and establish in Montevideo and Bemidji veterans homes
 12.11 with up to 143 beds available for eligible veterans and their spouses. The state shall
 12.12 provide the necessary operating costs for the veterans homes in excess of any revenue
 12.13 and federal funding for the homes that may be required to continue the operation of the
 12.14 homes and care for Minnesota veterans.

12.15 **Subd. 2. Nonstate contribution.** The commissioner of administration may accept
 12.16 contributions of land or money from private individuals, businesses, local governments,
 12.17 veterans service organizations, and other nonstate sources for the purpose of providing
 12.18 matching funding when soliciting federal funding for the development of the homes.

12.19 Sec. 24. Laws 2015, chapter 77, article 1, section 3, is amended to read:

12.20 Sec. 3. **GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT**

12.21 **GOVERNOR** \$ 3,615,000 \$ 3,616,000

12.22 (a) This appropriation is to fund the Office of
 12.23 the Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

12.24 (b) Up to \$19,000 the first year and up to
 12.25 \$19,000 the second year are for necessary
 12.26 expenses in the normal performance of
 12.27 the Governor's and Lieutenant Governor's
 12.28 duties for which no other reimbursement is
 12.29 provided.

12.30 (c) During the biennium ending June 30,
 12.31 2017, and thereafter, the Office of the
 12.32 Governor may receive payments each fiscal
 12.33 year from other executive agencies under

13.1 Minnesota Statutes, section 15.53, to support
13.2 office costs, not including the residence
13.3 groundskeeper, incurred by the office.
13.4 Payments received under this paragraph must
13.5 be deposited in a special revenue account.
13.6 Money in the account is appropriated to the
13.7 Office of the Governor.

13.8 (e) (d) By September 1 of each year, the
13.9 commissioner of management and budget
13.10 shall report to the chairs and ranking minority
13.11 members of the senate State Departments
13.12 and Veterans Affairs Budget Division and the
13.13 house of representatives State Government
13.14 Finance Committee any personnel costs
13.15 incurred by the Offices of the Governor and
13.16 Lieutenant Governor that were supported
13.17 by appropriations to other agencies during
13.18 the previous fiscal year. The Office of the
13.19 Governor shall inform the chairs and ranking
13.20 minority members of the committees before
13.21 initiating any interagency agreements.

13.22 Sec. 25. **STUDY ON VETERANS' UNMET NEEDS FOR BEHAVIOR AND**
13.23 **MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.**

13.24 The commissioner of veterans affairs shall perform a study to quantify and describe
13.25 unmet needs amongst Minnesota veterans for behavioral and mental health services. The
13.26 study will include conducting focus groups of stakeholders, including veterans and their
13.27 families, representatives of the United States Veterans Administration, community referral
13.28 centers, and county veteran service officers. The commissioner of veterans affairs may
13.29 contract with a statewide nonprofit organization to conduct the study. The commissioner
13.30 of veterans affairs shall report by February 15, 2017, to the chairs and ranking minority
13.31 members of the committees in the house of representatives and the senate with jurisdiction
13.32 over veterans policy and budget with the findings of the study and with recommendations
13.33 about how current services provided to veterans could be expanded to better meet the
13.34 needs identified by the study.

14.1 Sec. 26. **FEASIBILITY STUDY ON PARTNERSHIPS TO PROVIDE INTERIM**
14.2 **HOUSING FOR DISABLED VETERANS.**

14.3 The commissioner of veterans affairs shall study the feasibility of partnering with
14.4 an established nonprofit organization to provide interim housing for disabled veterans in
14.5 conjunction with fully integrated and customizable support services. The commissioner of
14.6 veterans affairs shall submit a report including its findings and recommendations regarding
14.7 the feasibility of such a partnership to the chairs and ranking minority members of the
14.8 standing committees in the house of representatives and the senate having jurisdiction
14.9 over veterans affairs by February 15, 2017.

14.10 Sec. 27. **PLAQUE OR MARKER AUTHORIZED TO HONOR CAPITOL**
14.11 **CONSTRUCTION WORKERS.**

14.12 (a) A plaque or three-dimensional marker shall be placed in the Capitol building in
14.13 a space easily visible to public visitors to recognize and honor the efforts and sacrifice
14.14 of workers who constructed the State Capitol building, as well as those who worked on
14.15 subsequent projects to preserve the building. The plaque or marker shall specifically honor
14.16 the six workers who died during construction of the State Capitol building. The Capitol
14.17 Area Architectural and Planning Board and the Minnesota Historical Society shall set the
14.18 parameters and location for the memorial plaque or marker.

14.19 (b) The Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board shall conduct an opportunity
14.20 contest for sixth graders from across the state to submit designs for the memorial plaque
14.21 or marker. The board shall select a design from those submissions to be used as a basis for
14.22 the final production of this plaque or marker by January 1, 2017. The memorial plaque or
14.23 marker shall be installed during the completion of the Capitol remodel.

14.24 Sec. 28. **IMMIGRATION INTEGRATION ADVISORY TASK FORCE.**

14.25 (a) The Immigration Integration Advisory Task Force is created to research state laws
14.26 and rules that negatively affect immigrants. The task force is composed of the following:

14.27 (1) five members appointed by the governor to represent Minnesota's diverse
14.28 immigrant communities;

14.29 (2) two members of the house of representatives, one appointed by the speaker of
14.30 the house and one appointed by the minority leader; and

14.31 (3) two senators, one appointed by the senate majority leader and one appointed by
14.32 the senate minority leader.

15.1 (b) At its first meeting, the task force shall elect a chair and cochair from its
15.2 membership. The commissioner of human rights shall provide meeting space and
15.3 administrative and staff support for the task force.

15.4 (c) The task force shall conduct research and hold meetings to:

15.5 (1) determine the extent to which current state laws and rules negatively affect
15.6 Minnesotans based on their status as immigrants; and

15.7 (2) develop methods to ensure that future proposed state laws and rules consider
15.8 the impact of the proposals on immigrants.

15.9 The task force shall consult with the Minnesota Council on Latino Affairs, the Council for
15.10 Minnesotans of African Heritage, and the Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans. The task
15.11 force shall report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the committees in the
15.12 house of representatives and the senate with jurisdiction over human rights by January 15,
15.13 2017, with recommendations and draft legislation for changes in state laws, consistent
15.14 with federal law, that will reduce the negative impact of state laws on immigrants, and
15.15 ensure that future state laws and rules consider the impact on immigrants.

15.16 (d) The appointing authorities must make their initial appointments by August 1,
15.17 2016. The commissioner of human rights shall convene the first meeting of the task
15.18 force by September 1, 2016.

15.19 (e) Public members shall be compensated and reimbursed for expenses as provided
15.20 in Minnesota Statutes, section 15.059, subdivision 3.

15.21 (f) The task force shall expire on January 30, 2017, or the day after submitting the
15.22 report required under paragraph (c), whichever is earlier.

15.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

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