

## S.F. No. 310 – State Agency Value Initiative (SAVI) Program – as amended by the A-1

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**Section 1 [SAVI PROGRAM; 15.761]** re-establishes a program by which an agency may retain savings from certain efficiency and cost-saving measures from money appropriated in one biennium and apply those saving to authorized purposes in the next biennium. This program was first established in 2011, but expired on June 30, 2018, as a result of the statutory sunset date in the 2011 law.

**Subdivision 1 [Program established]** establishes the SAVI program to encourage state agencies to identify cost-effective and efficiency measures.

**Subd. 2 [Retained savings]** provides that on approval of the commissioner of management and budget, 50 percent of appropriations for operations that are unspent at the end of a biennium because of innovation, efficiencies, or creative cost-savings may be carried forward to the next biennium, instead of cancelling as provided in current law. This carried-forward money can be used for specific agency proposals or projects.

**Subd. 3 [Review process]** specifies process for using the retained savings for an agency project. An agency must post a notice on the agency website, the project must be approved by the commissioner of management and budget, and the commissioner must notify the Legislative Audit Commission for its review and comment.

**Subd. 4 [SAVI-dedicated account]** establishes a dedicated account into which the retained savings are deposited. Appropriates money in the account to the participating agency for authorized purposes.

**Section 2 [Lapse]** is a conforming and technical change.