

S.F. No. 3729 – Certain provisions modification under the Department of Administration

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Section 1 [16A.15, subd. 3; Allotment and encumbrance] allows consultants on a construction project to perform certain work before money for the work is encumbered.

Section 2 [16B.33, subd. 1; Definitions] exempts certain capital projects from the requirement to select a designer through the designer selection board.

Section 3 [16B.33, subd. 3; Agencies must request designer] increases the threshold for the estimated cost of the project that triggers the requirement for an agency to request a designer from the designer selection board. The threshold is increases from \$2,000,000 to \$4,000,000 or from \$200,000 to \$400,000 for a planning project.

Section 4 [16B.33, subd. 3a; Higher education projects] increases the threshold for the estimated cost of the project for the University of Minnesota or the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities that triggers the requirement for an agency to request a designer from the designer selection board. The threshold is increases from \$2,000,000 to \$4,000,000 or from \$200,000 to \$400,000 for a planning project.

Section 5 [16B.33, subd. 6; Rate of inflation] increases the thresholds that trigger the required use of the designer selection board to select a designer automatically every fifth year starting in 2025 based on the rate of inflation as determined by the commissioner of administration.

Section 6 [16B.361; Office of Collaboration and Dispute Resolution] requires the commissioner of administration to maintain the Office of Collaboration and Dispute Resolution. The office is currently within the Bureau of Mediation Services.

Subd. 1. [Duties of the office] specifies duties of the office.

Subd. 2. [Grant applications; appropriation] authorizes the commissioner of administration to receive grants and appropriates the money to the commissioner.

Subd. 3 [Grant awards] authorizes the commissioner to make grants to private nonprofit community mediation entities certified by the state court administrator to assist in resolution of disputes. A grant review committee will assist in review of applications and the allocation of grants.

Subd. 4 [Eligibility] specifies requirements for eligibility for a grant.

Subd. 5 [Conditions and exclusions] requires a grant recipient to agree to certain conditions. Certain policies and exclusions for grants apply.

Subd. 6. [Reporting] requires grant recipients to report certain data.

Section 7 [16C.10, subd. 2; Emergency acquisition] makes certain solicitation processes inapplicable in emergencies. Expands the commissioner of administration's discretion make necessary purchases to include purchases necessary for design and construction and to allow purchases for publicly owned structures. (Current law allows this discretion for purchases necessary for repair, rehabilitation, and improvement to state-owned structures.) Specifies that this provision applies to projects conducted by the Minnesota State Colleges and University.

Section 8 [16C.32, subd. 1; Definitions] is a conforming change.

Section 9 [138.081, subd. 3; Administration of federal act] changes the agency designated under federal law to provide preservation of historical and archaeological data from the department of administration to the Minnesota Historical Society. Makes technical changes.

Section 10 [138.665, subd. 2; Consultation] eliminates a preclusion that the member appointed by the Minnesota Historical Society to the State Review Board of the State Historic Preservation Office cannot be an employee of the Historical Society.

Section 11 [Repealer; 179.90 and 179.91] repeals the enabling statutes for the Office of Collaboration and Dispute Resolution under the Bureau of Mediation Services.