



S.F. No. 2417 – Department of Administration technical changes provision (as proposed to be amended by the A-1)

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Section 1 [Federal Assistive Technology Act; 16B.055, subd. 1] adds a member from the Board of Aging to the Minnesota Assistive Technology Advisory Council, which is established in law to fulfill the responsibilities required in the 21st Century Assistive Technology Act, a federal law. Makes other technical corrections to the name and cite to the relevant Public Law.

Section 2 [Other projects; 16B.335, subd. 2] clarifies requirements for certain types of notice to the legislature about capital projects.

Under current law, final plans for a capital project cannot be prepared until after certain members of the legislature have received program plans and cost estimates for construction, major remodeling projects, or land acquisition. This notice to the legislature is typically referred to as a “16B letter.” Some types of projects are exempted from this requirement. These exemptions include: demolition or decommissioning of state assets, hazardous material projects, utility infrastructure projects, environmental testing, parking lots, parking structures, park and ride facilities, bus rapid transit stations, light rail lines, passenger rail projects, freight rail projects, exterior lighting, fencing, highway rest areas, truck stations, storage facilities not consisting primarily of offices or heated work areas, roads, bridges, trails, pathways, campgrounds, athletic fields, dams, floodwater retention systems, water access sites, harbors, sewer separation projects, water and wastewater facilities, port development projects for which the commissioner of transportation has entered into an assistance agreement under section [457A.04](#), ice centers, a local government project with a construction cost of less than \$1,500,000, or any other capital project with a construction cost of less than \$750,000.

For other projects that are not construction, major remodeling, or land acquisition, a simple notice that work is ready to proceed is required. This section clarifies that this type of notice is required for all capital projects for which a specific appropriation is made, even if the project is of a type that is exempted from the “16B letter” requirement.

Section 3 [Reimbursements; 16B.48, subd. 4] changes the date, from July 1 to September 15, by which the commissioner of administration must annually report the rates to be charged for the general services revolving funds.

Section 4 [Vehicles; 16B.54, subd. 2] adds the Office of Ombudsman for Long-Term Care to the list of people for whom state-provided motor vehicles are not required to be marked.

Section 5 [Evaluation; 16C.137, subd. 2] changes a requirement for a report to the governor and legislature to a requirement to post on a public dashboard regarding goals and directives for each department’s compliance with purchasing vehicles according to a preference order for fuel types, use of renewable transportation fuels, and the delivery of information through the internet to reduce the department’s fleet.

Section 6, renumbered from Section 7 by the A-1, [Repealer; 16B.328, subd. 2] repeals a requirement for the commissioner of administration to develop a model ordinance for local government governing outdoor lighting to reduce light pollution.



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