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Each year the Minnesota Legislature mandates a variety of reports to be done by state agencies or other governmental entities. In 2015, the legislature mandated 138 reports. This information brief lists reports that were directed to be done for the first time by the 2015 Legislature. This list includes only reports that must be submitted to the legislature. The reports are listed alphabetically by topic, and within each topic, by order of enactment.

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Laws 2015 Chapter (section)	Topic	Responsible Agency	Due Date
Commerce, Economic Development, and Employment			
9 (13)	Testimony about issues relating to powdered alcohol	Director of the Division of Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement and the Commissioner of Health	December 7, 2015
43 (3)	Impact of reforms enacted in 2015 regarding workers' compensation inpatient hospital payments	Commissioner of Labor and Industry	January 15, 2018
59 (4)	Recommendations related to actuarially justified rate increases for long-term care policies issued before 2002 (This report is permissive, not mandated)	Commissioner of Commerce	October 15, 2015, and February 1, 2016
1 st Spec. Sess. 1, Art. 2 (2)	List of projects that received grants under the Department of Employment and Economic Development's Workforce Housing Development Program and the specific purposes for which the grants were used	Commissioner of Employment and Economic Development	January 15, 2016
1 st Spec. Sess. 1, Art. 2 (9)	Issues relating to businesses, job seekers, and other stakeholders served by career counseling coordinators	Commissioner of Employment and Economic Development	January 15 each year
1 st Spec. Sess. 1, Art. 2 (23)	Customized training programs for skilled manufacturing industries at Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) institutions	Commissioner of Employment and Economic Development	January 15, 2017
1 st Spec. Sess. 1, Art. 3 (25)	Recommendations for changes to the Minnesota No-Fault Insurance Act	Task Force on No-Fault Auto Insurance Issues	February 1, 2016
Education			
69, Art. 1 (3)	Specified topics relating to the College Possible program	College Possible	February 1, 2016, and February 1, 2017
69, Art. 1 (3)	Grants for concurrent enrollment courses	Office of Higher Education	December 1, 2015, and December 1, 2016
69, Art. 1 (4)	School yearlong student teaching pilot program	MnSCU Board of Trustees	March 1, 2017
69, Art. 1 (4)	Progress in creating an agricultural education licensure program	Southwest Minnesota State University	February 15, 2016, and February 15, 2017

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69, Art. 1 (4)	Veterans-to-agriculture pilot program	Program coordinated by South Central College, North Mankato campus	December 15, 2016
69, Art. 1 (4)	Attainment of performance goals	MnSCU Board of Trustees	April 1, 2016
69, Art. 1 (5)	Attainment of performance goals	University of Minnesota Board of Regents	April 1, 2016
69, Art. 1 (5)	Status and outcomes of research and initiatives funded through the Agricultural Experiment Station and the Minnesota Extension Service	University of Minnesota Board of Regents	February 1, 2017
69, Art. 1 (5)	Expenditure of funds appropriated for collaborative research partnership between the University of Minnesota and the Mayo Foundation for research in biotechnology and medical genomics	University of Minnesota and Mayo Foundation	June 30, 2016, and June 30, 2017
69, Art. 1 (7)	Schedule for adopting a presidential selection process as a comprehensive formal written policy	MnSCU Board of Trustees	October 1, 2015
69, Art. 1 (8)	Factors the Board of Regents considers to allocate funds to separate campuses	University of Minnesota Board of Regents	February 1, 2016
69, Art. 3 (3)	Topics relating to survey of concurrent enrollment participants	Commissioners of Higher Education and Education	September 1 and December 1 each year
69, Art. 3 (6)	Progress toward meeting or exceeding postsecondary education attainment goals	Office of Higher Education	October 15 each year, beginning in 2016
69, Art. 3 (7)	Topics relating to summer academic enrichment program	Office of Higher Education	Annually
69, Art. 3 (10)	Teacher shortage loan forgiveness program	Commissioner of Higher Education	February 1 each year
69, Art. 3 (11)	Dual training competency grant program	Commissioner of Higher Education	February 1 each year, beginning in 2017
69, Art. 3 (13)	Spinal cord injury and traumatic brain injury research grant program	Commissioner of Higher Education	January 15 each year
69, Art. 3 (16)	Degree and certificate completion	MnSCU Board of Trustees	January 15 each year
69, Art. 3 (20)	Occupational scholarship pilot program	Commissioner of Higher Education	January 15 each year
69, Art. 3 (21)	Baccalaureate degree transfer pathways	MnSCU Board of Trustees	March 15, 2016
69, Art. 3 (22)	Comprehensive plan to encourage college completion	MnSCU Board of Trustees	January 15, 2016

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69, Art. 3 (23)	Comprehensive plan to encourage college completion	University of Minnesota Board of Regents	January 15, 2016
69, Art. 3 (24)	Counseling for college student loan debtors pilot program	Commissioner of Higher Education	February 1, 2017
69, Art. 3 (25)	Baseline data and methodology that will be used to measure progress towards higher education attainment goal	Office of Higher Education	October 15, 2015
69, Art. 3 (26)	Plan for human subject research standards	University of Minnesota Board of Regents	Monthly, beginning July 1, 2015, until plan is implemented
1 st Spec. Sess. 3, Art. 2 (65)	Implementation of the transfer curriculum policy for postsecondary option enrollment (PSEO) students and how to standardize advanced placement (AP), international baccalaureate (IB), and college-level exam program (CLEP) course equivalencies across the MnSCU system	MnSCU Board of Trustees	February 1, 2016
1 st Spec. Sess. 3, Art. 2 (66)	Existing resources and best practices available for swimming instruction in Minnesota public schools	Commissioner of Education	January 1, 2016
1 st Spec. Sess. 3, Art. 2 (68)	Costs that students and graduating high schools incur for students to take postsecondary developmental or remedial courses	Commissioner of Higher Education, in consultation with MnSCU chancellor and University of Minnesota president	March 1, 2016
1 st Spec. Sess. 3, Art. 3 (5)	List of school districts that have not submitted school performance reports and list of districts not achieving performance goals established in their plan	Commissioner of Education	January 25 each year
1 st Spec. Sess. 3, Art. 3 (14)	Performance of the contractor providing the state with the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCAs)	Commissioner of Education	March 1, 2016
1 st Spec. Sess. 3, Art. 6 (8)	Best practices for universal individual student use of iPads and other computer tablets and laptops, called "1:1 device programs"	Commissioner of Education	February 15, 2016
1 st Spec. Sess. 3, Art. 6 (11)	Summary report on information technology certification partnership, including information on participating schools and students, and the number and type of certificates students earn	Commissioner of Education, in conjunction with provider of the program	February 1, 2018
1 st Spec. Sess. 3, Art. 10 (2)	The number and proportion of children by district who report having comprehensive vision exams, disaggregated by children's age at time of developmental screening	Commissioner of Education	January 15, 2017

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Environment, Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Energy			
12 (2)	Amount and use of federal funds related to avian influenza by the Department of Agriculture and Board of Animal Health	Commissioner of Management and Budget	January 15, 2018
1 st Spec. Sess. 1, Art. 1 (8)	Issues relating to potential transfer of functions and staff from division of energy resources in the Department of Commerce to Public Utilities Commission	Management, Analysis, and Development Division of Minnesota Management and Budget	January 1, 2016
1 st Spec. Sess. 1, Art. 3 (20)	Recovery of natural gas extension project costs	Public Utilities Commission	January 15, 2017, and every three years thereafter
1 st Spec. Sess. 1, Art. 3 (20)	Draft plan the state is required to submit to the federal Environmental Protection Agency to rule for federal Clean Power Plan for Existing Power Plants	Commissioner of Commerce and Pollution Control Agency	March 15, 2016
1 st Spec. Sess. 2, Art. 1 (2)	Report on outdoor heritage fund land acquisitions	Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council	January 15, 2016
1 st Spec. Sess. 2, Art. 1 (10)	Study of alternatives to payment in lieu of tax (PILT) for land acquired with revenue from the outdoor heritage and other dedicated funds	Commissioner of Management and Budget	January 15, 2016
1 st Spec. Sess. 2, Art. 2 (3)	Funding recommendations for agricultural water quality certification program	Commissioner of Agriculture	January 1, 2016
1 st Spec. Sess. 2, Art. 2 (5)	Expenditure of appropriation for water quality and watershed monitoring as part of river watch activities in schools in Red River Watershed	Red River Watershed Management Board	February 15, 2017
1 st Spec. Sess. 2, Art. 2 (7)	Recipients, projects funded, and pollution reduced through conservation program implementation by local governments	Board of Water and Soil Resources	March 1 each even-numbered year
1 st Spec. Sess. 2, Art. 2 (8)	Independent review of Department of Health drinking water contaminants of emerging concern program	Commissioner of Health, through a contract with the University of Minnesota	June 1, 2016
1 st Spec. Sess. 2, Art. 3 (3)	Prioritized recommendations for funding from the parks and trails fund for fiscal year 2017	Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission	January 15, 2016
1 st Spec. Sess. 2, Art. 3 (3)	Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission's criteria for funding from the parks and trails fund	Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission	January 15, 2016
1 st Spec. Sess. 4, Art. 1 (2)	Recommendations for upgrading the existing processing facility on the campus of the Northeast Regional Corrections Center to a USDA-certified food processing facility	Commissioner of Agriculture	March 15, 2016

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1 st Spec. Sess. 4, Art. 1 (2)	Accomplishment report and work plan for dairy development and dairy business planning grant programs	Commissioner of Agriculture	June 30, 2016, and June 30, 2017
1 st Spec. Sess. 4, Art. 1 (2)	Specified topics relating to the agricultural growth, research, and innovation program	Commissioner of Agriculture	February 1, 2016, and February 1, 2017
1 st Spec. Sess. 4, Art. 1 (2)	Status of emerging alternative community-based food distribution systems in the state and recommendations to eliminate barriers to their success	Commissioner of Agriculture	December 15, 2015
1 st Spec. Sess. 4, Art. 1 (2)	The number of retail petroleum dispenser grants awarded and the projected effect of the grant program on meeting the biofuel replacement goals under Minnesota Statutes, section 239.7911	Commissioner of Agriculture	February 1, 2016, and February 1, 2017
1 st Spec. Sess. 4, Art. 1 (7)	Any transfer of unexpended avian influenza emergency response appropriations between agencies	Commissioner of Management and Budget	Not specified
1 st Spec. Sess. 4, Art. 1 (7)	Amount and use of federal funds related to avian influenza by the Board of Animal Health and departments of agriculture, natural resources, health, and public safety	Commissioner of Management and Budget	Before spending appropriated federal funds; final report by January 15, 2018
1 st Spec. Sess. 4, Art. 2 (61)	Production and expenditures under the advanced biofuel, renewable chemical, and biomass thermal production incentive grant programs	Commissioner of Agriculture	January 15 each year
1 st Spec. Sess. 4, Art. 2 (83)	Causes of the relative growth or decline in the number of head of poultry and livestock produced in Minnesota and surrounding states	Commissioner of Agriculture	February 1, 2016
1 st Spec. Sess. 4, Art. 2 (84)	Progress and outcomes of the correctional facility vocational training pilot program	Commissioner of Agriculture	February 1, 2017
1 st Spec. Sess. 4, Art. 2 (85)	Proposal to effectively and efficiently promote urban agriculture in Minnesota cities	Commissioner of Agriculture	January 15, 2016
1 st Spec. Sess. 4, Art. 3 (2)	Strategic plan for water quality for the Red River of the North	Red River Basin Commission	Progress reports February 15, 2016, and February 15, 2017, and final plan December 31, 2017
1 st Spec. Sess. 4, Art. 3 (3)	Cost estimates for augmenting White Bear Lake with water from the Sucker Lake chain of lakes	Commissioner of Natural Resources	February 1, 2016
1 st Spec. Sess. 4, Art. 3 (3)	Firefighting costs incurred and reimbursements received in prior fiscal year	Commissioner of Natural Resources	January 15 each year

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1 st Spec. Sess. 4, Art. 4 (130)	Technical and other information and guidance related to water supply planning in the metropolitan area	Metropolitan Area Water Supply Policy Advisory Committee	Every five years beginning February 15, 2017
1 st Spec. Sess. 4, Art. 4 (133)	Implementation of the Wetland Conservation Act regarding high priority areas for wetland replacement and in-lieu fees	Board of Water and Soil Resources	March 15, 2016
1 st Spec. Sess. 4, Art. 4 (135)	Cost analysis of water quality standards	Commissioner of Management and Budget	January 1, 2017
1 st Spec. Sess.4, Art. 4 (137)	Assumption of federal Clean Water Act section 404 permit program	Board of Water and Soil Resources and the Commissioner of Natural Resources	January 15, 2017
1 st Spec. Sess. 4, Art. 4 (142)	Base budgets and prior appropriations	Commissioners of Agriculture, Natural Resources, and the Pollution Control Agency	October 15, 2016
1 st Spec. Sess. 4, Art. 4 (143)	Definitions and thresholds for use when determining negative impacts to water	Commissioner of Natural Resources	December 15, 2015
1 st Spec. Sess. 4, Art. 5 (22)	Summary of hunter satisfaction survey results	Commissioner of Natural Resources	January 1 each year
1 st Spec. Sess. 4, Art. 5 (28)	Number of permits, conservation impacts, and recommendations regarding the use of cast nets for taking gizzard shad	Commissioner of Natural Resources	March 1, 2018
Health and Human Services			
62 (2)	Issues relating to flame retardants and fire safety standards in furniture	Commissioner of Health	January 15, 2016
71, Art. 1 (12)	Evaluation of child welfare disparities grant program	Commissioner of Human Services	Biennially
71, Art. 1 (46)	Recommendations for child protection grant program outcome measures	Commissioner of Human Services	January 1, 2018
71, Art. 1 (120)	Group residential housing reforms	Commissioner of Human Services	December 15, 2016
71, Art. 1 (121)	Changes to the computation of child support	Child support work group	January 15, 2016
71, Art. 1 (124)	Distribution formula for child protection staffing and services	Commissioner of Human Services	December 15, 2016
71, Art. 1 (125)	Specified issues relating to child protection and child welfare	Legislative Task Force on Child Protection	February 1, 2016
71, Art. 2 (7)	Suicide-related data	Commissioner of Health	February 1, 2016
71, Art. 2 (11)	Use of grant funds for mental health initiatives	Commissioner of Human Services	November 1, 2016, and biennially thereafter

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71, Art. 2 (15)	Use of funds for children's mental health grants	Commissioner of Human Services	November 1, 2016, and biennially thereafter
71, Art. 2 (38)	Excellence in Mental Health demonstration project	Commissioner of Human Services	January 15, 2016
71, Art. 2 (39)	Rate-setting methodology for community-based mental health services	Commissioner of Human Services	January 1, 2017
71, Art. 2 (40)	Human services data sharing to coordinate services and patient care	Commissioner of Human Services	January 1, 2017
71, Art. 2 (41)	Status of planning and development of mental health program in Beltrami County	Commissioner of Human Services	November 1, 2017
71, Art. 6 (41)	Specified topics relating to nursing facility payment rates	Commissioner of Human Services	January 1, 2017
71, Art. 6 (42)	Property rate setting for nursing facilities	Commissioner of Human Services	March 1, 2016
71, Art. 7 (26)	Topics relating to regional and local dementia grants	Board on Aging	January 15 each year, beginning in 2017
71, Art. 7 (56)	Implementation of laws relating to waived services and waiver allocations	Commissioner of Human Services	February 15, 2018, and February 15, 2019
71, Art. 7 (57)	Number of individuals determined to be ineligible for Community First Services and Supports because they did not require constant supervision and cuing	Commissioner of Human Services	Not specified
71, Art. 8 (18)	Integration of international medical graduates into the Minnesota health care delivery system	Commissioner of Health	January 15 each year
71, Art. 8 (45)	Grants to decrease racial and ethnic disparities in infant mortality rates	Commissioner of Health	January 15 each year
71, Art. 8 (58)	Recommendations on violence against Asian women and children	Working group	January 1, 2017
71, Art. 9 (17)	Community-based support system that coordinates services between child protection services and community emergency medical technicians	Commissioner of Human Services	January 15, 2016
71, Art. 9 (18)	Services and payment rates for services to be performed by community medical response emergency medical technicians	Commissioner of Human Services	February 15, 2016

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71, Art. 9 (19)	Evaluation of community medical response emergency medical technician services (report required only if legislation is enacted to cover these services with medical assistance)	Commissioner of Human Services	December 1, 2017
71, Art. 11 (17)	Periodic data matching to evaluate eligibility for public health care programs	Commissioner of Human Services	September 1 each year, beginning in 2017
71, Art. 11 (30)	Implementation of the opioid prescribing improvement program	Commissioner of Human Services	September 15 each year, beginning in 2016
71, Art. 11 (36)	Ad hoc audits of public health care program administrative and management expenses	Commissioner of Human Services	February 1 each year, beginning in 2016
71, Art. 11 (45)	Pilot program to provide integrated care for high-risk pregnant women	Commissioner of Human Services	January 31, 2019
71, Art. 11 (57)	Revised premium scale for MinnesotaCare	Commissioner of Human Services	July 1, 2015
71, Art. 11 (61)	Opioid prescribing improvement program	Commissioner of Human Services	December 1, 2015
71, Art. 11 (62)	Recommendations on health care financing	Commissioner of Human Services	January 15, 2016
71, Art. 11 (63)	Health disparities payment enhancement methodology	Commissioner of Human Services	February 1, 2016
78, Art. 2 (15)	Use of certified peer specialists in the mental health system	Commissioner of Human Services	February 1, 2016
78, Art. 4 (50)	Activities of the council and major problems and issues confronting racial and ethnic groups	Cultural and Ethnic Communities Leadership Council	February 15 each year
78, Art. 5 (4)	Alternative payment methodology for federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics	Commissioner of Human Services	February 15, 2016
78, Art. 6 (30)	Home and community-based settings transition plan	Commissioner of Human Services	January 15, 2016, and each year through 2019
Judiciary and Public Safety			
36 (1)	Activities and recommendations of working group on potential Silver Alert system to aid in the recovery of certain missing senior citizens	Working group	January 15, 2016

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65, Art. 1 (11)	Strategies to combat recruitment of Minnesota residents by terrorist organizations	Commissioner of Public Safety	February 1, 2016
65, Art. 1 (11)	Recommendations for reducing the balance in the vehicle services special revenue account (Report is required if the unallocated balance is more than 50 percent of the previous fiscal year's expenditures)	Commissioner of Public Safety	Within three months of balance exceeding the threshold
65, Art. 1 (17)	Transfers to the disaster contingency account and the fire safety account	Commissioner of Management and Budget	October 15, 2015
65, Art. 1 (18)	Amounts from the disaster contingency account used to pay for avian influenza emergency response activities	January 15, 2018	Commissioner of Management and Budget
65, Art. 3 (37)	Information relating to untested rape kits	Superintendent of Bureau of Criminal Apprehension	December 1, 2015
65, Art. 5 (3)	Use of restraints on pregnant women, women in labor, and women who have given birth in the preceding three days, who are incarcerated	Commissioner of Corrections	February 15 each year
Other			
3 (8)	Details of the Minnesota Zoological Garden board's financial plan to ensure the long-term financial stability and success of the zoo	Board of the Minnesota Zoological Garden	December 15, 2015
24 (1)	Work of the sentinel landscape coordinating committee	Adjutant General	January 16, 2017
67 (3)	Results of biennial audit relating to automated license plate reader data	Law enforcement agencies using automated license plate readers	30 days following completion of the audit
70, Art. 1 (61)	Findings and recommendations for development of elections emergency plans	Elections Emergency Planning Task Force	January 1, 2016
75, Art. 2 (55)	Motor vehicle title transfer fee funds	Commissioner of Pollution Control Agency	November 1, 2015
75, Art. 2 (56)	Expenditures and transfers from the trunk highway fund and highway user tax distribution fund for fiscal years 2010 through 2015	Commissioners of Transportation and Public Safety	January 15, 2016
75, Art. 2 (57)	Design standards and guidelines to be applied consistently to trunk highways, county state-aid highways, and municipal state-aid streets with similar characteristics	Commissioner of Transportation	August 15, 2016
77, Art. 1 (2)	Financial management of Minnesota veterans homes (this review is requested, not mandated)	Legislative Auditor	Not specified

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77, Art. 1 (3)	Personnel costs incurred by the governor's office that were supported by appropriations to other agencies	Commissioner of Management and Budget	September 1, 2015, and September 1, 2016
77, Art. 1 (7)	Status of website redevelopment project	Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board	January 15, 2016
77, Art. 1 (13)	Return on taxpayer investment (ROTI) methodology	Commissioner of Management and Budget	January 31, 2017
77, Art. 1 (13)	State employee gainsharing program	Commissioner of Management and Budget	July 15, 2015
77, Art. 1 (16)	Dedicated funding changes to support Racing Commission	Racing Commission	November 1, 2015
77, Art. 2 (5)	Outcomes achieved in strategic plan to meet statutory duties, and specific objectives and outcome measures for the upcoming year	Minnesota Council on Latino Affairs, Council for Minnesotans of African Heritage, and Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans	January 15 each year
77, Art. 2 (8)	Use of central accommodation account	Commissioner of Administration	January 31 each year
77, Art. 2 (80)	In-lieu of rent payments for certain space in the Capitol and other buildings on the Capitol grounds	Commissioner of Administration	January 15, 2017
77, Art. 2 (84)	Efficiency of examinations of counties conducted by the State Auditor	Legislative Auditor	January 15, 2016
77, Art. 2 (85)	Reduction in the number of chief information officers in state agencies	Chief information officer of MN.IT	January 15, 2016
1st Spec. Sess. 5, Art. 1 (2)	How money remaining from appropriations for specific capital projects has been allocated or spent	University of Minnesota Board of Regents	February 1 each even-numbered year
1st Spec. Sess. 5, Art. 1 (3)	How money remaining from appropriations for specific capital projects has been allocated or spent	MnSCU Board of Trustees	February 1 each even-numbered year

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