

Subject Minnesota Volunteerism Innovation Board

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## Overview

This bill establishes a Minnesota Volunteerism Innovation Board. The Board has a number of duties related to research and analysis of volunteerism capacity in the state, and is required to administer a grant program to increase certain innovative volunteerism efforts.

## Summary

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| 1 | <p><b>Minnesota Volunteerism Innovation Board</b></p> <p>Establishes a Minnesota Volunteerism Innovation Board. The primary duties of the Board include gathering information related to Minnesota's capacity for increasing volunteerism efforts, and to administer a grant program.</p> <p><b>Subd. 1. Board established; membership.</b> Sets the Board's membership.</p> <p><b>Subd. 2. Qualifications for appointment.</b> Establishes the necessary qualifications for membership on the Board.</p> <p><b>Subd. 3. Terms of appointment; removal; compensation.</b> Establishes details related to the terms of office, removal, and compensation of Board members.</p> <p><b>Subd. 4. Administrative staff support.</b> Requires the commissioner of administration to assist the board in entering a contract for professional services for administrative support. Qualifications of the contractor are provided.</p> <p><b>Subd. 5. Duties.</b> Establishes the primary duties of the Board.</p> <p><b>Subd. 6. Legislative reports.</b> Requires annual reporting to the legislature and governor on the Board's activities and finances, no later than November 15 of each year.</p> <p><b>Subd. 7. Expiration.</b> Provides that the Board expires June 30, 2024.</p> |
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2	<p><b>Minnesota Volunteerism Innovation Grants</b></p> <p>Requires the Board to administer a grant program intended to increase measurable results of innovative volunteer efforts aligned with Minnesota Compass Measures, or other similar community indicators, in areas that impact Minnesotans' quality of life.</p> <p>An applicant for a grant must match the grant funds with other nonstate sources.</p> <p>The board is required to adopt administrative rules to establish procedures governing the application for grants, evaluation of applications, and other requirements. Procedures to ensure equitable distribution of grants across the state are required.</p>
3	<p><b>Minnesota Volunteerism Innovation account</b></p> <p>Establishes an account in the special revenue fund, consisting of amounts appropriated by law and other gifts and contributions received by the state for this purpose. Funds in the account are appropriated to the Board for the purposes described in this bill.</p>
4	<p><b>Minnesota Volunteerism Innovation Board; appointments; first meeting</b></p> <p>Establishes a deadline for initial appointments to the Board, and for the Board's first meeting.</p>
5	<p><b>Minnesota Volunteerism Innovation Board; Appropriation</b></p> <p>Appropriates funds to the Board. No more than \$70,000 each year may be used for administrative costs. All other funds must be distributed as grants.</p>