

Subject Legislative IT Accessibility

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Overview

This bill requires the legislature to comply with information technology accessibility standards adopted by the Office of MN.IT Services. It also establishes a legislative employee working group to assist the legislature in identifying accessibility needs related to IT services.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>Accessibility in the legislature's information technology.</p> <p>Requires the Senate, House, and the joint offices and commissions of the legislature to comply with the information technology accessibility standards adopted by the state's chief information officer, unless the responsible authority for the legislative body or office has approved an exception. A list of responsible authorities authorized to approve an exception is provided.</p> <p>State agencies are currently required to comply with the standards that would be extended to the legislature by this bill.</p> <p>This section does not authorize the Office of MN.IT Services to manage or direct the legislature's compliance with these standards.</p>
2	<p>Technical support to legislature.</p> <p>Requires the state's chief information officer to provide technical support to the legislature to assist it in complying with the required accessibility standards. Specific types of assistance that must be provided are identified in the bill. The legislature may not be assessed a cost for these services.</p>
3	<p>Legislative employee working group on the legislature's accessibility measures.</p> <p>Establishes a working group of 12 legislative employees to research and submit a report to the legislature regarding its accessibility needs. A structure for appointing employees to the working group and a list of specific items for consideration is provided. The working group must convene its first meeting by July 15, 2019, and submit its report by January 15, 2020.</p>

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4	Appropriations; legislative accessibility standards. Provides appropriations to support implementation of the accessibility standards required by this bill and to support the work of the legislative employee working group established in section 3.



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