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Overview

This bill provides a number of miscellaneous updates to the laws governing the work of the Department of Administration.

Summary

Section Description

1 Report.

Eliminates a reference in law requiring the commissioner of administration to assist in the preparation of the Minnesota milestones report. The requirement that this report be prepared is repealed later in the bill.

2 Operation and maintenance of buildings.

Updates references to state buildings that are subject to the property management jurisdiction of the commissioner of administration.

3 Canine management.

Permits the commissioner of administration to transfer the state's ownership of a dog that is retired from service to the state to the handler that trained and worked with the dog while it was in service. All future expenses related to the retired dog would become the private responsibility of the handler.

4 Office of Collaboration and Dispute Resolution.

Requires the commissioner of administration to maintain the Office of Collaboration and Dispute Resolution as an office within the department. A number of duties of the office are provided, including the authority to make grants to private nonprofit community mediation entities certified by the state court administrator to assist in the resolution of disputes. The office is currently housed within the Bureau of Mediation Services. Corresponding statutes are repealed later in this bill.

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5 Environmental sustainability government operations; office created.

Establishes the Office of Enterprise Sustainability as a statutory office of the Department of Administration. The office currently exists by executive order of the governor. Its mission is to assist state agencies in making measurable progress toward improving the sustainability of government operations by reducing their impact on the environment.

6 Purpose of funds.

Eliminates references to the materials handling services and the state recycling center from the list of authorized uses of the general services revolving fund. This fund is supported by receipts billed to other agencies for a variety of administrative services, including central mail delivery and building maintenance.

7 Motor pools.

Provides a definition of "passenger motor vehicle" in the law authorizing the commissioner of administration to manage a central fleet of vehicles for use by state agencies.

8 Vehicles.

Authorizes the commissioner of administration to permit the use of an unmarked state vehicle for the inmate community work crew program administered by the Department of Corrections.

9-18 State historic preservation.

Updates a series of technical references related to state historic preservation. The legislature transferred the State Historic Preservation Office to the Minnesota Historical Society to the Department of Administration in 2017.

19 **Prohibition.**

Adds a right of access for United States Census Bureau employees to multi-unit dwellings (apartment buildings, dormitories, nursing homes, and the like) to conduct work required as part of the decennial census. The access right is similar to that provided to candidates running for elected office.

20 Revisor instruction.

Requires the revisor of statutes to update terminology in the Minnesota Statutes to refer to the Department of Administration's "enterprise fleet" of vehicles, rather than the "central motor pool."

21 Repealer.

Repeals the following laws:

Section Description

Section 4A.11 requires publication of the Minnesota milestones report.

Sections 179.90 and 179.91 relate to the Office of Collaboration and Dispute Resolution, which is transferred to the Department of Administration in this bill.



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