

SF 605: State Government Finance Conference Committee
Policy Differences for Adoption
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Article 1: Riders

Agency	Description	Side-by-Side Page	Adopt
Legislature	Legislative Auditor review of small business investment tax credit program	R3-A1	House 4.21-4.28
PERA/MERF	Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund state contribution	R31-A1	House 21.6-21.15

Articles 2-5: Policy

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SER interim approval of contracts	Reverses effect of non-action by legislative Subcommittee on Employee Relations. Failure to provide interim approval constitutes disapproval of contract.	R3	House § 3
Legislative Data Practices Commission	Extension of Legislative Commission on Data Practices to June 30, 2019	R4	House § 4
Legislative Auditor Transit Reviews	OLA Transit financial activity audits	R6 R7 R58	House § 6 House §§ 7-8 House § 60
Campaign Public Subsidy Repeal	Repeal of public subsidy; adoption of voluntary pledge to comply with current subsidy restrictions	R11-R15 R16 R65	House §§ 15-22 House §§ 24-25 House 77.15-77.22 Technical amendment S0605A29
Appropriation transfers	Quarterly reporting to legislature on interagency agreements and intra-agency transfers	R17	House § 26
Discrimination in state contracting	Prohibits approval of state contract with vendor that discriminates on the basis of national origin	R20	House § 29
Assistive Technology Advisory Council	Specifies representation on the Council	R21	Senate § 14
Substantial change in construction	Designates additional chairs as recipients of, and adds certain information required in, reports required for changes to capital projects funded with state money. Removes an exemption from the reporting requirement for certain types of projects.	R22	House § 30
SmART Program	Requires Admin to charge for Small Agency Resource Team (SmART) services; changes a requirement to a permission for ethnic councils to use SmART services	R23	Senate § 15
Accommodation reimbursement	Limits accommodation grants to 50% of the cost; caps the amount that Admin receives for administering the program at \$5,000	R24	Senate §§ 16-17
Grant oversight	Provides additional monitoring of grants made by the Department of Commerce, and provides procedures for terminating a state grant if the recipient is convicted of a criminal offense or is under investigation for matters relating to administration of the grant	R24	House §§ 32-33

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FTE Cap/vacant position savings	Provides a cap on the number of FTEs in executive branch agencies and restricts an agency's use of saving resulting from vacant positions.	R29	House § 36
Severance pay	Limits the amount of permitted severance pay for certain highly compensated employees. Permits payment of severance pay only when authorized under a compensation plan. Employees in certain positions are precluded from receiving severance pay. Precludes severance for those employed less than 6 months or who terminate voluntarily.	R30	Senate § 19, lines 35.17-36.21 only
Local government long term investment authority	Permits a local government to invest certain money held for long-term obligations in index mutual funds and with the Minnesota State Board of Investment. PERA shall act as account administrator.	R32	House § 39
Limit on compensation settlements	Precludes negotiating compensation and benefits for employees that is more than in an approved spending plan.	R38	Senate § 29, with amendment SCS0605a61
GI bill expansion	Expands the GI bill program to include apprenticeship and on-the-job training benefits and other professional and educational benefits	R43-R47	House §§ 45-49
Tax incidence study	Expands the current tax incidence report requirements to include federal tax burdens	R50	House § 50
MERF	Increases the employer's annual contribution to the Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund from \$21 million to \$31 million and reduces the state obligation for the Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund from \$16 million to \$6 million	R53	House §§ 52-53
School district insurance	Modifies the process school districts use to receive proposals for group health insurance coverage for their employees and under what circumstances a school district is considered self-insured	R54-R56	House §§ 54-55
Sherburne Cty. Examiner of Titles	Modifies the compensation structure for the Sherburne County Examiner of Titles	R56	House § 56
Child Support Task Force	Subjects the Child Support Task Force to the Open Meetings Law.	R57	House § 57
Valuation of state-assessed pipelines	Requires review of administrative rules related to the valuation of state-assessed pipeline companies.	R57	House § 58
Advertising expenditures	Restricts executive branch agency spending in FY 2018 and 2019 on advertising and promotions at no more than 90 percent of the amount spent in FY 2016.	R58	House § 61
Managerial compensation	Restricts pay increases to certain state employees covered by the managerial compensation plan to a rate based on the lesser of the percentage increase in Minnesota's median household income or the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index.	R60	House § 65, with amendment S0605A27

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Salary limits for executive branch agencies and MnSCU	Limits the aggregate amount that may be spent by all executive branch agencies on employee salaries in fiscal year 2018 to 101 percent of the amount spent in fiscal year 2017, and in fiscal year 2019 to 103 percent of the amount spent in fiscal year 2017. (Includes MNSCU but not constitutional offices.)	R60	House § 66, lines 74.16-74.26 only (Note: staff will correct subdivision references)
Ice palace	Permits construction of an ice palace on the Capitol grounds, with costs paid by the St. Paul Festival and Heritage Foundation.	R61	House § 67
Waite Park hotel licensing	Permits the city of Waite Park to require hotels to be licensed.	R62	House § 68
Contested case procedures	In all contested cases, the final decision will be made by an administrative law judge, instead of by the agency. Also creates an affirmative defense in actions to enforce a rule based on cost to comply.	R65 R133 R134	Senate § 50 Senate § 10 Senate § 11
Legislative commissions	Repeal of Legislative Water Commission and Mississippi Parkway Commission	R65	House § 69, lines 77.25-77.26
Washington DC office	Repeal of statute authorizing governor to staff a Washington DC office for Minnesota	R66	House § 69, line 77.27
State Budgeting Technical	Miscellaneous technical changes to state budgeting terminology (“warrant” to “payment”) and procedures for collecting debts owed to state	R66-R102	House §§ 1-80