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Subject Department of Administration

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Overview

This bill would modify various programs and statutes administered by the Department of Administration.

Topics include the provision of assistive technology to Minnesotans who have a disability, legislative notification requirements for certain state-funded capital investment projects, the timing of a legislative report concerning internal billing rates for certain services that the Department of Administration provides to other state agencies, the provision of unmarked state vehicles, and a model local ordinance concerning outdoor light pollution.

Summary

Section Description

1 Federal Assistive Technology Act.

Updates references to a federal law that provides support for, and assigns responsibilities to, states concerning the provision of assistive technology to individuals with disabilities (i.e., 2022's "21st Century Assistive Technology Act"). Adds the state Board on Aging to the list of entities that must be represented on a state council that is appointed by the commissioner of administration and required under federal law.

2 Other projects.

Provides that certain capital projects that are exempt from a requirement to present project plans and anticipated costs to certain committee chairs and/or minority leads for their recommendation or awareness are not also exempt from a separate requirement to notify a similar set of chairs and minority leads when the work is ready to begin. Projects that would be subject to this notification requirement include highway rest areas, wastewater facilities, and the demolition or decommissioning of state assets.

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3 Reimbursements.

Requires the Department of Administration to report to the legislature by September 15 each year concerning the rates that the department charges to other state agencies for services provided by the department, such as central mail and the upkeep of state buildings and grounds. Under current law, this report is due by July 1 each year.

4 Vehicles.

Authorizes the Department of Administration to provide unmarked motor vehicles to the state Office of Ombudsman for Long-Term Care.

5 **Evaluation.**

Eliminates an annual legislative report from the Department of Administration concerning energy and renewable fuel use by state fleet vehicles and requires the department to post the same information and recommendations on a public dashboard maintained by the department's Office of Enterprise Sustainability.

6 Repealer.

Repeals a section of current law that requires the Department of Administration to develop a model local ordinance regarding outdoor light pollution.



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