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Overview

This act repeals Minnesota Statutes, chapter 471A, which was enacted in 1986 and authorized a home rule charter or statutory city, county, sanitary district, or other governmental subdivision or public corporation, including the Metropolitan Council, to privatize “capital intensive public services.” These are services for the prevention, control, and abatement of water pollution through wastewater treatment facilities, and the furnishing of potable water. Capital intensive public services may be limited (1) to the design and construction, or (2) to the operation and maintenance, by the private vendor of related facilities. Capital intensive public services do not include the furnishing of heating or cooling energy.

Section

- 1** **Capital cost component grant.** Amends § 116.18, subd. 3b. Technical.
- 2** **Project.** Amends § 469.153, subd. 2. Technical.
- 3** **Capital intensive public services.** Allows the Metropolitan Council to use the authorities it had under chapter 471A for the purposes of its wastewater services responsibilities. Requires wastewater facilities designed or built under that authority to remain owned by the council.
- 4** **Repealer.** Repeals § 13.202, subd. 10 (data practices provision no longer needed due to repeal of chapter 471A); § 115.58 (permit provision for sewage system discharges no longer needed due to repeal of chapter 471A); § 272.02 (property tax exemption no longer needed due to repeal of chapter 471A); and chapter 471A (privatization of capital intensive public services (water and wastewater treatment systems)).