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Overview

Cancels the unspent part of 1997 appropriations to the Office of Technology for development of a United Nations trade point, and for a grant to the University of Minnesota for development of a secure electronic authentication link.

- 1 Cancellation of appropriation.** The 1997 legislature appropriated \$400,000 in fiscal year 1998 and \$400,000 in fiscal year 1999 to the Office of Technology to develop a United Nations trade point in the state. Paragraph (a) cancels back to the general fund the unspent and unencumbered portion of that appropriation.
The 1997 legislature appropriated \$500,000 for a grant to the University of Minnesota for operation of a secure electronic authentication link. Paragraph (b) cancels the unspent part of that appropriation, unless money has been committed in a manner that makes return to the general fund impossible without incurring legal liability.
- 2 Report.** Requires the commissioner of finance to report by March 1, 1999 on entities that received funding under 1997 appropriations for a trade point and for operation of a secure electronic authentication link.
- 3 Cost Accounting.** Directs that for the purposes of state budgeting all cancellations of state appropriations that result from this bill must be included in the general fund cancellations in the November 1998 general fund forecast.
- 4 Effective Dates.** Sections 1 to 3 are effective the day following final enactment and are retroactive to January 5, 1999.