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Overview

Amends various Minnesota state high school league provisions, including the date on which members' terms expire, requirements governing the purchase of goods and services, procedures for hearing eligibility rules, solicitation of information from board members, commissioner oversight and review of proposed policy and bylaw changes, ombudsperson services, and recodification and clarification of eligibility rules.

Section

- 1 Board.** Causes the four-year terms of state high school league members to begin on August 1 and end on July 31. Prohibits board members who are state or school district employees or employees of another political subdivision to receive per diem payments for board service.
- 2 Purchasing.** Makes statutory provisions governing school district and municipal contracts applicable to league purchase of goods and services.
- 3 Procedures.** Directs the league to notify the public of hearings on existing eligibility rules. Requires the league to hold a public hearing on a proposed or existing eligibility rule if 100 or more parents request the hearing. Requires the person conducting the public hearing to write a report evaluating the extent to which the league has demonstrated the legality of the existing rule.
- 4 Dues and events revenue.** Strikes language requiring the league board and the state auditor to agree upon the scope of the auditor's financial audit of the league. Directs the auditor to solicit questions and issues from board members. Makes the information board members supply confidential data.
- 5 Annually.** Gives the commissioner discretion to examine league activities and issues. Directs the commissioner to report annually to the legislature and the league on the commissioner's findings and league activities.
- 6 Recommendations.** Directs the league board of directors to submit changes in league bylaws

and policies to the commissioner for review and comment at least 30 days before the effective date of the change. Requires the commissioner to review the proposed changes and to report to the league and the legislature within seven days of completing the review and comment.

- 7 Ombudsperson.** Directs the commissioner to appoint an ombudsperson to investigate league issues and advocate on behalf of parents and students. Allows the league to provide additional ombudsperson services. Requires the league and the commissioner to publicize ombudsperson services. Requires the league to reimburse the commissioner for the costs of ombudsperson services that the commissioner provides.
- 8 Rules and policies.** Directs the revisor of statutes to recodify league eligibility rules. Directs the revisor to work with the league in clarifying student eligibility provisions. Requires the league to reimburse the revisor for the revisor's costs.
- 9 Transition.** Extends the terms of governor-appointed members under section 1 to July 31 of the year in which those terms expire.
- 10 Effective date.** Makes sections 1 to 9 effective July 1, 1999.