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Overview

Amends various Minnesota state high school league provisions, including no longer requiring an annual employee compensation plan report to the LCER, changing the date on which members' terms expire, making the purchase of goods and services subject to laws governing local units of government, authorizing commercial partnerships, requiring the appointment of an ombudsperson, allowing the league's administrative regions to contract with private auditors, requiring the commissioner to report annually to the legislature on certain league activities and allowing the commissioner to examine league-related issues.

Section

- 1 Compensation reports.** Strikes the requirement that the league annually submit to the legislative commission on employee relations a report on the league's employee compensation plan.
- 2 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.
- 3 Certain commercial relationships prohibited.** Allows the board to enter into corporate partnerships. Strikes language prohibiting the board from entering into agreements with organizations that sell products or services that league participants use during league activities.
- 4 Ombudsperson.** Directs the league to appoint an ombudsperson to respond to persons concerned about league issues. Allows the ombudsperson to investigate student eligibility issues and advocate on behalf of students and parents. Requires the league and the CFL commissioner to adequately publicize ombudsperson services. Requires one form of notice about the ombudsperson to be the Internet.
- 5 Purchasing.** Makes statutory provisions governing school district and municipal contracts applicable to league purchase of goods and services.

- 6 Dues and events revenue.** Strikes language requiring the state auditor to audit the league's administrative regions. Allows the league's administrative regions to be audited by the state auditor or to contract with private auditors.
- 7 Commissioner review of league.**
Subd. 1. Annually. Requires the commissioner to annually report to the legislature on league activities, including the annual financial and compliance audit, complaints and lawsuits and their disposition, the director's performance review, and various policies and plans. Requires the commissioner's report to be available to the league before league bylaws or policies are changed.
Subd. 3. Issue review. Allows the commissioner to examine league-related issues.
- 8 Effective date.** Makes sections 1 to 7 effective for the 1999-2000 school year and later.