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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

Provides that an appropriation ending June 30 of an odd-numbered year, enacted in a major finance or revenue bill, remains in effect at the base level for future fiscal years unless changed by law.

#### Section

#### **1 Continuing appropriations.**

**Subd. 1. Application.** Provides that this section applies to appropriations in a major finance or revenue bill. Requires the House and the Senate to adopt rules or resolutions specifying the major finance or revenue bills. Specifies which bills are major finance or revenue bills if the House and Senate fail to agree on this.

**Subd. 2. Certain appropriations continue.** Provides that appropriations enacted in a major finance or revenue bill for the fiscal year ending June 30 of an odd-numbered year remain in effect at the base level for future years unless a law is enacted eliminating or amending the appropriation. Provides that the base level is determined by current Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.11--generally the amount appropriated for the second year of the biennium. Provides that this section does not apply to an appropriation in a fiscal year if a law is enacted appropriating money in that fiscal year for the purpose of that appropriation.

**Subd. 3. Exceptions and adjustments.** Provides that an appropriation remaining

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in effect under subdivision 2 is adjusted for specified reasons:

- An appropriation does not remain in effect if the legislature has designated the appropriation as onetime, the commissioner of finance determines that the legislature clearly intended the appropriation to be one time, or the program for which the appropriation was made expires.
- If a program that is the subject of the appropriation is schedule to expire during a fiscal year, the commissioner of finance must prorate the appropriation.
- The commissioner of finance is authorized to make technical adjustments to an appropriation if the commissioner determines these adjustments are necessary to accurately reflect the amount needed to maintain program operations at the same level.

Requires the commissioner of finance to notify the chairs of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means committees of adjustments under this subdivision.