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Section

1 **Office management and structure; Webmaster.** Authorizes the state chief information officer in the Office of Enterprise Technology (OET) to appoint a Webmaster responsible for supervision and development of state Web sites under control of the office. Requires the Webmaster, if appointed, to ensure that sites under control of the office are maintained in an easily accessible format consistent throughout state government and consistent with accessibility standards. Requires the Webmaster, if appointed, to assist other state agencies in regard to sites maintained by those agencies.

2 **Responsibilities.** Requires OET, in establishing state information architecture, to ensure enhanced public access to data on Web sites, consistent with standards to be developed by OET.

3 **Standards and guidelines for transparency.** Requires the state chief information officer to develop and maintain standards and guidelines for enhanced public access to electronic data maintained by state government, consistent with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. Requires the standards to ensure that: public access to agency data is facilitated; publicly available data is managed using an approved state metadata model; and that geospatial data conform to an approved state geocode model.

4 **Transparency standards report.** Requires the chief information officer to report by January 15, 2011, regarding development of standards for enhanced public access to data.