

without hiring permanent staff replacements, this reduction must be achieved through reductions in professional and technical service contracts, and in particular contracts for which work would be performed outside of Minnesota. Provides that reductions that cannot be achieved through savings in these contracts must be allocated proportionally across executive branch state agency budgets. Provides that these reductions are also base reductions for the next biennium. This section does not apply to MnSCU. Requires reports to the legislature.

- 5** **Elimination of positions.** Requires the governor to eliminate 25 percent of deputy and assistant commissioner positions. Requires elimination of other specified positions.