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Overview

This bill enacts various technical and conforming changes to the Data Practices Act and open meetings law. It also:

- classifies certain data related to the adopt-a-highway program;
- provides that veteran status is public data on an applicant for appointment to a public body;
- permits data sharing related to domestic-violence offenses for criminal justice purposes;
- authorizes government entities to make real property appraisal data public at the discretion of the entity;
- provides immunity to nonpublic institutions of higher education related to sharing of certain student data with the office of higher education; and
- regulates certain data on human services licensees who are subject to a sanction.

1-12, 14-15, 17-25; 27-37, 39-43, 45-47, 50 **Technical language corrections and updates.** Provides technical updates and corrections to language in the Data Practices Act, including modifying the grammatical structure of the act to reflect "data" as a plural noun rather than a singular noun and enacting cross-references to existing data classifications not contained in chapter 13.

13 **Real property; appraisal data.** Permits the estimated or appraised value of real property subject to a potential sale or purchase by a government entity to be made public, at the discretion of the governing body of the entity. If the government entity is a state agency, the data may be made public at the discretion of the agency's commissioner.

Source: HF 601 - Holberg

16 **Human services licensing data.** Classifies certain data related to human services license holders who are found to be responsible for maltreatment or a minor or not qualified to hold the license. The identity of these license holders and the reason for a disqualification, if applicable, is made public at the time of the issuance of a sanction by the appropriate licensing board.

This section also permits additional sharing of data collected related to human services licensing

activities or investigations with certain other state agencies, if the sharing of the data would be relevant to the board's regulatory jurisdiction.

Source: HF 1461 - Abeler

- 26 Applicants for appointment to a public body.** Provides that the veteran status of an applicant for appointment to a public body is public data.
- 38 Adopt-a-highway data.** Classifies certain data related to adopt-a-highway program participants. Home addresses (except zip codes), home email addresses, and home telephone numbers are classified as private data.
- Source: HF 1060 - Beard*
- 44 Access by probationary agencies; domestic violence offenders.** Permits law enforcement agencies to share criminal investigative data on domestic-violence related offenders with corrections and probation agencies for criminal justice purposes. The sharing of not public data does not affect the classification of the data.
- Source: HF 1370 - Paymar*
- 48 Public benefit data; domestic violence-related acts.** Permits a parole or probation authority or correctional agency to release histories of domestic violence-related acts and risk assessments to various specified judicial, corrections, and law enforcement agencies for criminal justice purposes.
- Source: HF 1370 - Paymar*
- 49 Law enforcement data.** Enacts a conforming reference to the new data sharing authorized by section 44 of the bill, and provides that the classification of any shared data remains unchanged.
- Source: HF 1370 - Paymar*
- 51 Open meetings law cross-references.** Enacts a series of non-substantive cross-references into chapter 13D, the open meetings law. These cross-references direct the reader to other sections of statute that regulate particular types of meetings conducted by various governmental boards, councils, and entities.
- 52-53 Open meeting; administrative procedure act.** Clarifies certain references to the open meetings law and Data Practices Act in the chapter governing worker's compensation self-insurance.
- 54 Student records and data.** Provides that a nonpublic institution of higher education that provides certain data and records to the state office of higher education is not liable for breach of confidentiality, disclosure, use, retention, or destruction of student data or records if the damage occurs as a result of the acts or omissions of the office of higher education or by persons provided access to the data or records by that office.

Source: HF 1130 - Nornes