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Overview

Repeals laws that prohibit a state agency from entering into a contract for services with an outside vendor if a current state employee is able and available to perform the services. Repeals other related provisions in state contracting law. For state contracts for professional or technical services, requires reporting on where work under the contract will occur.

- 1 Professional/technical contract.** Amends the law governing state agency contracts for professional/technical services by striking the requirement that before seeking approval of a contract the agency must certify that no current state employee is able and available to perform the services called for by the contract. Strikes language requiring contractors to include state employees in development and training if contract work will be carried out by state employees upon completion of the contract. Strikes language prohibiting an agency from contracting out previously eliminated jobs for four years without first considering the former employees who meet minimum qualifications.
- 2 Reports.** Requires that reports on state professional/technical service contracts must specify the extent to which work under the contract was performed in Minnesota, was performed in the United States but outside Minnesota, or was performed outside the United States.
- 3 Service contract (other than professional/technical).** Amends the law governing state agency contracts for services (other than professional/technical services) by striking the requirement that before seeking approval of a contract the agency must certify that no current state employee is able and available to perform the services called for by the contract. Strikes related language specifying when employees are available and qualified.
- 4 Response to disclose where work will be performed.** Requires a vendor's response to a solicitation for a state contract for professional/technical services must disclose the extent to which the vendor anticipates that work under the contract will be performed in Minnesota, in the United States but outside Minnesota, or outside the United States.
- 5 Conforming change; MnSCU.** In a law governing MnSCU contracts for investment services, strikes a reference to section 43A.047, because that section is repealed later in this bill.

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Repealer. Repeals:

- 16C.085: Commissioner of administration may enter into contracts for printing services without determining that no current state employee is able and available to perform the services.
- 43A.047: Executive agencies, including MnSCU, must demonstrate they cannot use available staff before hiring outside consultants. If agencies reduce operating budgets, priority must be given to reducing spending on professional/technical service contracts before laying off permanent employees.
- 179A.23: State or University of Minnesota contracts for services, any part of which service would otherwise be performed by members of state or University bargaining units, must provide for preferential hiring of persons whose employment is terminated as a result of the contract.