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Overview

Makes various changes in the laws governing the Office of Enterprise Technology. This agency also is known as MN.IT Services.

Section

- 1 Continuation by law; cross-reference change.** Eliminates a cross-reference in connection with the change in the following section of this bill. [This section is part of the Minnesota Sunset Act. Under current law, OET is subject to *review* under that act, but does not *expire* under the schedule in that act. This bill does not change the status of OET under the sunset law — it still will be *reviewed*, but does not *expire* under the schedule].
- 2 Applicability.** Inserts the Office of Enterprise Technology (OET) in the list of agencies covered by current Minnesota Statutes, section 15.06. By inserting OET in this list, the head of the office would be known as a commissioner, and would be subject to the general provisions of chapter 15.06 that apply to commissioners. [By adding OET to the list of agencies in section 15.06, the cross-reference to section 15.06, subdivision 1a, in the prior section of this bill is no longer needed. Section 15.06, subdivision 1a, is repealed in the last section of this bill].
- 3 Responsibilities.** Strikes duties of OET to review and approve state agency technology plans. Strikes duty to report to the legislature on assistance provided to state agencies. Strikes duty to conduct a comprehensive review at least every 3 years of information systems investments made by state agencies and higher education institutions.
- 4 Exemption.** Exempts OET technology and telecommunications system from contract term-length limit.

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- 5** **Additional unclassified positions.** Adds OET to the list of agencies that can designate positions to be in the unclassified state civil service if the positions meet specified statutory criteria.
- 6** **Repealer.** Repeals section 15.06, subdivision 1a (references to “commissioner” in section 15.06 apply to the chief information officer in OET).