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Overview

This bill amends laws governing executive branch advisory groups. Most of the changes in this bill repeal advisory groups or statutory references to those groups.

The following 37 groups are repealed: Smart Fleet Committee; Public Employee Insurance Program Labor Management Committee; Voting Systems Contracts Advisory Committee; Collaborative Governance Council; Advisory Committee for Technology Standards for Accessibility and Usability; Minnesota Employees Insurance Program Advisory Committee; Veterans Health Care Advisory Council; Property Tax Working Group; Higher Education Veterans Assistance Steering Committee; Land Use Advisory Committee; County Subsurface Sewage Treatment System Advisory Committee; Interagency Native Vegetation Task Force; Reinvest in Minnesota Clean Energy Program Technical Committee; Nuclear Waste Council; Emergency Energy Assistance Advisory Council; Minnesota Academic Excellence Foundation; County State-Aid Highway Advisory Committee and Municipal State-Aid Highway Advisory Committee (combined into a new joint county/municipal committee); Commuter Rail Corridor Coordinating Committee; Renewable Hydrogen Initiative Advisory Committee; Energy Research and Education Advisory Committee; Energy Advisory Task Force; Real Estate Appraiser Advisory Board; Youth Employment Grants Advisory Committee; Community-oriented Police Grant Program Advisory Committee; Weed and Seed Grant Program Committee; Correctional Facility Site Selection Task Force; Forensic Laboratory Advisory Board; Fire Protection Advisory Council; Battered Women Advisory Council; Uniform Consumer Information Guide Advisory Committee; Medical Assistance Peer Advisory Task Force; Medical Assistance Vendor Advisory Task Force; Health

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Care Reform Review Council; Health Advisory Task Force; Health Promotion and Wellness Task Force; Services to Persons with Developmental or Physical Disabilities Task Force; Steering Committee on Performance and Reform Outcomes

Advisory groups not included in this bill generally will continue in existence under the current laws, some of which provide expiration dates specific to an advisory group. This bill repeals Minnesota Statutes, section 15.059, subdivision 5, which provided that some executive branch advisory groups expired on June 30, 2009.

Article 1 State Government

- 1 **SmartFleet Committee (16C.137, subd. 2).** Strikes references to a SmartFleet Committee.
- 2 **PEIP Labor/Management Committee (43A.316, subd. 2).** Strikes definition of the Public Employees Insurance Program Labor Management Committee, because this committee is repealed later in this article.
- 3 **PEIP Labor/Management Committee (43A.316, subd. 3).** Strikes reference to the Public Employees Insurance Program Labor Management Committee, because this committee is repealed later in this article.
- 4 **PEIP Labor/Management Committee (43A.316, subd. 6).** Strikes reference to the Public Employees Insurance Program Labor Management Committee, because this committee is repealed later in this article.
- 5 **Voting Systems Contract Advisory Committee (206.805).** Strikes requirement that the Secretary of State appoint an advisory committee to evaluate vendors' proposals for voting systems contracts.
- 6 **Repealer.**
 - 6.81: Collaborative Governance Council
 - 15.059, subdivisions 5 and 5b: June 30, 2009 expiration date for some executive branch advisory groups
 - 16E.0475: Advisory Committee for Technology Standards for Accessibility and Usability
 - 43A.316, subdivision 4: Public Employees Insurance Program Labor Management Committee
 - 43A.317, subdivision 4: Minnesota Employees Insurance Program Advisory

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Committee

- 196.30: Veterans Health Care Advisory Council
- 270C.991, subdivision 4: Property Tax Working Group
- 197.585, subdivisions 2 and 4: Higher Education Veterans Assistance Steering Committee

Article 2

Environment, Natural Resources, and Agriculture

- 1 Land use advisory committee (92.35).** Strikes language authorizing land use advisory committees within the Department of Natural Resources.
- 2 RIM Clean Energy Program Technical Committee (103F.518, subd. 1).** Strikes reference to the Reinvest in Minnesota Clean Energy Program Technical Committee, because this committee is repealed later in this article.
- 3 County Subsurface Sewage Treatment System Advisory Committee (115.55, subd. 12).** Strikes requirement for the Pollution Control Agency to form a County Subsurface Sewage Treatment System Advisory Committee.
- 4 Repealer:**
 - 84.964: Interagency Native Vegetation Task Force
 - 103F.518, subdivision 11: Reinvest in Minnesota Clean Energy Program Technical Committee
 - 116C.711: Nuclear Waste Council
 - 216C.265, subdivision 4: Emergency Energy Assistance Advisory Council

Article 3

Education

- 1 Student Advisory Council (136A.031, subd. 3).** Changes terminology used in the law governing the Student Advisory Council. Provides for a student, rather than the president of the Private College Council, to serve as a member.
- 2 Repealer.**
 - 124D.94: Minnesota Academic Excellence Foundation

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Article 4 Transportation

- 1 **County and Municipal State-Aid Advisory Committee (162.152).** Creates a new advisory committee to advise MnDOT on rules governing the county and municipal state-aid highway systems. This new committee is a combination of two existing groups (one county, one municipal), which are repealed later in this article.
- 2 **Repealer.**
 - 162.02, subdivisions 2 and 3: County State-aid Highway Advisory Committee
 - 162.09, subdivisions 2 and 3: Municipal State-aid Highway Advisory Committee
 - 174.86, subdivision 5: Commuter Rail Corridor Coordinating Committee

Article 5 Commerce and Economic Development

- 1 **Renewable Hydrogen Initiative Advisory Committee (216B.813, subd. 2).** Strikes requirement for the Commissioner of Commerce to assemble a Renewable Hydrogen Initiative Advisory Committee.
- 2 **Energy Research and Education Advisory Committee (216B.815).** Strikes requirement for an Energy Research and Education Advisory Committee.
- 3 **Energy Advisory Task Force (216C.02, subd. 1).** Strikes requirement for Commissioner of Commerce to appoint an Energy Advisory Task Force.
- 4 **Repealer.**
 - 82B.021, subdivision 10 and 82B.05: Real Estate Appraiser Advisory Board
 - 116L.361, subdivision 2 and 116L.363: Youth Employment Grants Advisory Committee

Article 6 Public Safety

- 1 **Community-oriented Police Grant Program Committee (299A.62, subd. 2).** Strikes requirement for an advisory committee to advise the Commissioner of Public Safety on distribution of grants under the Community-oriented Police Grant Program.

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- 2 Weed and Seed Grant Program Committee (299A.63, subd. 2).** Strikes requirement for an advisory committee to advise the Commissioner of Public Safety on distribution of grants under the Weed and Seed Grant Program.
- 3 Cross reference.** Strikes reference to the Battered Women Advisory Council, which is repealed later in this article.
- 4 Cross reference.** Strikes duties related to the Battered Women Advisory Council, which is repealed later in this article.
- 5 Cross reference.** Strikes duties related to the Battered Women Advisory Council, which is repealed later in this article.
- 6 Cross reference.** Strikes reference to the Battered Women Advisory Council, which is repealed later in this article.
- 7 Clarification of continued existence.** Clarifies that the following groups did not expire on June 30, 2009, and that actions taken and public funds spent are valid:

- Automobile Theft Prevention Advisory Board
- Fire Service Advisory Committee

It is possible, although not completely clear, that these groups may have expired on June 30, 2009 under a general advisory group expiration provision contained in Minnesota Statutes, section 15.059, subdivision 5. The laws creating these groups did not specify an expiration date, and the groups may not have been aware of the potential application of section 15.059.

- 8 Repealer.**
- 243.93: Correctional Facility Site Selection Task Force
 - 299C.156: Forensic Laboratory Advisory Board
 - 299M.02: Fire Protection Advisory Council
 - 611A.34: Battered Women Advisory Council

Article 7

Health and Human Services

- 1 Water Supply Systems and Wastewater Treatment Facilities Advisory Council (115.741).** Provides that the Water Supply Systems and Wastewater Treatment Facilities Advisory Council expires June 30, 2019.
- 2 Laboratory Assessor Selection Committee (144.98, subd. 10):** Provides that the Laboratory Assessor Selection Committee expires June 30, 2018.

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- 3 Uniform Consumer Information Guide Advisory Committee (144G.06).** Strikes requirement for the Commissioner of Health to establish a Uniform Consumer Information Guide Advisory Committee.
- 4 Services to Persons with Developmental or Physical Disabilities Task Force.** Strikes references to the Services to Persons with Developmental or Physical Disabilities Task Force, which is repealed later in this article.
- 5 Medical Assistance Peer Advisory Task Force (256B.064, subd. 1a):** Strikes reference to a Medical Assistance peer Advisory Task Force.
- 6 Medical Assistance Vendor Advisory Task Force (256B.27, subd. 3):** Strikes authority of the Commissioner of Human Services to appoint a Medical Assistance Vendor Advisory Task Force.
- 7 Clarification of continued existence.** Clarifies that the following groups did not expire on June 30, 2009, and that actions taken and public funds spent are valid:
- Medical Assistance Drug Formulary Advisory Committee
 - Environmental Health Tracking and Biomonitoring Advisory Panel
 - Water Supply System and Wastewater Treatment Facilities Advisory Council
 - Prescription Electronic Reporting Advisory Committee

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- 8 Repealer.**
- 62U.09: Health Care Reform Review Council
 - 144.011, subdivision 2: Health Advisory Task Force
 - 145.98, subdivisions 1 and 3: Health Promotion and Wellness Task Force
 - 252.31: Services to Persons with Developmental or Physical Disabilities Task Force
 - 402A.15: Steering Committee on Performance and Reform Outcomes

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Article 8
Conforming Changes

Article 1 of this bill repeals section 15.059, subdivision 5, which provided that some advisory groups expired on June 30, 2009. This article makes conforming changes, by striking language that refers to the expiration date in section 15.059, subdivision 5. For example, many sections of this article strike language stating that “notwithstanding section 15.059, subdivision 5” a group does not expire. The reference to section 15.059, subdivision 5, is stricken because this bill repeals that subdivision. The six subdivisions repealed in the last section of this article all refer to the expiration date in section 15.059.