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- 1 Centralized tracking list of agency projects.** Requires the commissioner of management and budget to maintain a centralized list of new agency projects estimated to cost more than \$100,000 that are paid for from the general fund. Excludes intergovernmental aid programs and programs and activities mandated by law.
- 2 Revenue uncertainty.** Requires the commissioner of management and budget to report to the legislature within 14 days of a budget forecast on uncertainty in Minnesota's general fund revenue projections.
- 3 Assistance to small agencies.** Requires the commissioner of administration to provide administrative support services to small agencies requesting these services.
- 4 Grant agreement.** Strikes the exclusions of capital project grants to political subdivisions from the law governing state grant agreements.
- 5 Termination of grant.** Requires that state grant agreements provide for immediate termination of the grant if the recipient is convicted of a criminal offense relating to a state grant agreement, or if the grant recipient is under investigation by a federal or state agency or a local law enforcement agency for matters relating to administration of a state grant.
- 6 Delegation of duties.** Requires that every three years the Commissioner of Administration audit use of contracting authority delegated to employees in other agencies. Requires the commissioner to develop guidelines for delegated contracting authority, to protect state legal interests, including possible review of contracts by the commissioner.
- 7 Office of MN.IT services.** Provides that the mission of MN.IT applies to the executive branch of state government, not to Minnesota generally. Strikes certain MN.IT powers and duties. Requires the chief information officer to prepare a monthly progress report for IT

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projects over \$1 million. Strikes language relating to projects of more than \$5 million. Provides that MN.IT cannot enter into any new contracts or agreements to provide services to political subdivisions. States that this does not prevent political subdivisions from purchasing goods or services through state contracts or from accessing geospatial data maintained by the office.

- 8** **Responsibility for IT services and equipment.** Requires state agencies to enter into service level agreements with MN.IT or to obtain services through an outside vendor. Requires that before entering into a service level agreement or an outside contract, an agency must solicit proposals from MN.IT and at least one outside vendor. Authorizes agencies to enter into contracts with outside vendors, notwithstanding laws dealing with availability of state employees, if the cost of the MN.IT proposal is more than six percent higher than the cost of the outside proposal. Provides limits on length of contracts. Provides that MN.IT may authorize an agency office located outside of the seven-county metropolitan area to solicit proposals separately from the rest of the agency. Forbids an agency from entering into an IT contract of more than \$100,000 without approval of MN.IT.
- 9** **Annual report on IT spending.** Requires MN.IT to report annually on specified topics relating to state IT spending.
- 10** **Technology approval.** Specifies MN.IT role in overseeing state IT projects at various costs levels.
- 11** **Reimbursements.** Includes employee development and training in the list of MN.IT costs that must be reimbursed by state agencies.
- 12** **IT technology appropriation.** Provides that appropriations of more than \$100,000 for IT projects must be made to MN.IT. (Current law applies to all IT appropriations.)
- 13** **Data storage.** Requires MN.IT to establish criteria for storage of state agency data outside of MN.IT data centers.
- 14** **Commission powers and duties.** Provides specifically for subpoena power to compel witness testimony and submit any other evidence necessary for the Racing Commission to carry out its duties.
- 15** **Rulemaking authority.** Allows the commission to promulgate rules governing wired and wireless communications between a racetrack and locations off its premises and for sampling and testing horses for prohibited substances and practices.
- 16** **Limit on expenditures for advertising.** Provides that in the upcoming biennium, an agency's spending on advertising and promotions cannot exceed 90 percent of that spending in the current biennium. This section does not apply to the Minnesota Lottery or to Explore Minnesota Tourism. The limit does not apply to spending relating to an emergency.
- 17** **Report on agency chief information officers.** Requires the MN.IT to report on reduction in the number of chief information officers in state agencies.
- 18** **Repealer.** Repeals the law creating the Legislative Water Commission.