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Overview

This bill addresses supplemental funding and project activities for the Minnesota Licensing and Registration System (MNLARS). It (1) appropriates \$10 million in Driver and Vehicle Services (DVS) operating account funds for MNLARS; (2) requires a \$10 million reduction in state appropriations from the general fund for the 2018-19 biennium, with a corresponding transfer out of the general fund into a DVS operating account; (3) sets various MNLARS project tracking and reporting requirements; and (4) mandates seeking federal extensions on REAL ID Act enforcement.

Section

1 MNLARS; supplemental appropriation, implementation requirements. Addresses appropriations and project implementation for the Minnesota Licensing and Registration System (MNLARS) along with REAL ID Act enforcement. The section is effective the day after enactment.

Subd. 1. Supplemental appropriation. Appropriates a total of \$10 million from the driver services and vehicle services operating accounts in fiscal year 2018 for ongoing work on the Minnesota Licensing and Registration System (MNLARS), which reflects a supplemental budget recommendation from the governor. Itemizes spending amounts that are only for specifically identified activities and purposes.

Subd. 2. Executive agency appropriations; targeted reductions; transfer. Directs Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB) to reduce appropriations to the executive branch and constitutional offices (such as the State Auditor) by \$10 million, following approval of the governor and consultation with the Legislative Advisory

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Commission. The reductions must be identified by October 31, 2018, for the 2018-19 biennium. Sets priorities and limits on making the reductions.

Requires a \$10 million transfer from the general fund to the driver services operating account (which makes the driver services and vehicle services operating accounts whole relative to the appropriation in subdivision 1).

Subd. 3. Project schedule; performance measures. Directs Minnesota Management and Budget to develop (with consultation) a project schedule as well as performance measures for tracking the MNLARS project. Specifies measurements that must be included, requires reporting to the legislature, and establishes that the performance measures are not administrative rules. The project schedule and performance measures are due roughly three weeks after the date of enactment.

Subd. 4. Progress reporting. Requires monthly reporting to the legislature on progress of the MNLARS project, which must include whether the project is meeting deadlines, review of recent activity, information on project staffing, notice on new challenges, summary of any unexpected costs, details on the status for each of the performance measures, and certification by the Commissioner of Public Safety and the State Chief Information Officer regarding the project status. Progress reports must be submitted to the legislature.

Subd. 5. Request for information. Directs the Department of Public Safety to issue a request for information from vendors to obtain information on the feasibility, cost, and timeline in contracting for a replacement to MNLARS. Specifies information to obtain through the request for information process and requires legislative reporting. The request for information must be issued by April 1, 2018, and a report to the legislature is due by August 1, 2018.

Subd. 6. REAL ID Act extensions. Directs the Department of Public Safety to coordinate with the governor to promptly seek extensions as available from federal enforcement of the REAL ID Act.