

Subject Obsolete Budgeting Terminology

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Overview

This bill makes a number of miscellaneous technical changes to terminology related to the process for making payments to individuals, local governments, creditors, and other entities owed money from state accounts.

Many of the sections in the bill replace a more antiquated term, “warrant” with the more modern term, “payment,” in parts of Minnesota Statutes that refer to money being provided to someone to whom it is owed.

Other technical and conforming changes are included throughout the bill. Among these changes are allowances for the commissioner of management and budget to void an unpaid claim if the commissioner determines it is invalid (section 13), and a requirement that the commissioner, along with the attorney general, establish internal guidelines for the collection of debt owed to the state (section 17). In the State Government Finance Committee, an amendment was adopted requiring that certain uncollectable debts be reported to the legislature (section 18).