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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to state government; requiring that state accounting and procurement
1.3 systems allow public access to data in a specified format.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **ACCOUNTING AND PROCUREMENT SYSTEMS.**

1.6 The commissioner of finance must consult with the chairs of the house of
1.7 representatives Ways and Means Committee and senate Finance Committee before
1.8 encumbering any funds appropriated for use on or after July 1, 2009, for the planning,
1.9 development, and implementation of state accounting or procurement systems. No funds
1.10 appropriated for these purposes may be spent unless the commissioner certifies that the
1.11 systems will include an application programming interface that allows public access to
1.12 the system's underlying data on state contracts, appropriations, and expenditures using
1.13 an open format. The public access must be designed in a manner that complies with the
1.14 Minnesota Government Data Practices Act and otherwise protects the state's security
1.15 interests in the data.

1.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2009.