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OFFICIAL STATUS
Introduction and first reading
Referred to State Government Finance and Policy and Elections

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to state government; updating certain provisions for the Department of
1.3 Administration; designating ownership of retired canine in service to the state;
1.4 maintaining the Office of Collaboration and Dispute Resolution; establishing the
1.5 Office of Enterprise Sustainability; modifying historic preservation provisions;
1.6 changing a campaign practices provision; requiring reports; amending Minnesota
1.7 Statutes 2020, sections 4A.01, subdivision 3; 16B.24, subdivision 1; 16B.2975,
1.8 by adding a subdivision; 16B.48, subdivision 2; 16B.54, subdivisions 1, 2; 138.081,
1.9 subdivisions 1, 2, 3; 138.31, by adding a subdivision; 138.34; 138.40; 138.665,
1.10 subdivision 2; 138.666; 138.667; 138.763, subdivision 1; 211B.20, subdivision 1;
1.11 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16B; repealing
1.12 Minnesota Statutes 2020, sections 4A.11; 179.90; 179.91.

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

1.14 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 4A.01, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.15 Subd. 3. **Report.** The commissioner must submit a report to the governor and chairs and
1.16 ranking minority members of the senate and house of representatives committees with
1.17 jurisdiction on state government finance by January 15 of each year that provides economic,
1.18 social, and environmental demographic information to assist public and elected officials
1.19 with long-term management decisions. The report must identify and assess the information
1.20 important to understanding the state's two-, ten-, and 50-year outlook. The report must
1.21 include the demographic forecast required by section 4A.02, paragraph (e), ~~and information~~
1.22 ~~to assist with the preparation of the milestones report required by section 4A.11;~~ and may
1.23 include policy recommendations based upon the information and assessment provided.

1.24 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 16B.24, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.25 Subdivision 1. **Operation and maintenance of buildings.** The commissioner is
1.26 authorized to maintain and operate the State Capitol building and grounds, subject to whatever

2.1 standards and policies are set for its appearance and cleanliness by the Capitol Area
 2.2 Architectural and Planning Board and the commissioner under section 15B.15, subdivision
 2.3 2, and all other buildings, cafeterias, and grounds in state-owned buildings in the Capitol
 2.4 Area under section 15B.02, the state Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal
 2.5 Apprehension building in St. Paul, ~~the state Department of Health building in Minneapolis,~~
 2.6 ~~321 Grove Street buildings~~ 603 Pine Street building in St. Paul, Fleet and Surplus Services
 2.7 building in Arden Hills, Ely Revenue building, any other properties acquired by the
 2.8 Department of Administration, and, when the commissioner considers it advisable and
 2.9 practicable, any other building or premises owned or rented by the state for the use of a
 2.10 state agency. The commissioner shall assign and reassign office space in the Capitol and
 2.11 state buildings to make an equitable division of available space among agencies. The
 2.12 commissioner shall regularly update the long-range strategic plan for locating agencies and
 2.13 shall follow the plan in assigning and reassigning space to agencies. The plan must include
 2.14 locational and urban design criteria, a cost-analysis method to be used in weighing state
 2.15 ownership against leasing of space in specific instances, and a transportation management
 2.16 plan. If the commissioner determines that a deviation from the plan is necessary or desirable
 2.17 in a specific instance, the commissioner shall provide the legislature with a timely written
 2.18 explanation of the reasons for the deviation. The power granted in this subdivision does not
 2.19 apply to state hospitals or to educational, penal, correctional, or other institutions not
 2.20 enumerated in this subdivision the control of which is vested by law in some other agency.

2.21 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 16B.2975, is amended by adding a subdivision
 2.22 to read:

2.23 Subd. 8. **Canine management.** The commissioner may give and convey to the canine's
 2.24 handler the state's entirety of the right, title, interest, and estate in and to the canine for
 2.25 which the handler trained and worked with while the canine was in service to the state. The
 2.26 handler is solely responsible for all future expenses related to the retired canine.

2.27 Sec. 4. **[16B.361] OFFICE OF COLLABORATION AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION.**

2.28 Subdivision 1. **Duties of the office.** The commissioner of administration shall maintain
 2.29 the Office of Collaboration and Dispute Resolution formerly codified at sections 179.90
 2.30 and 179.91 within the Department of Administration. The office must:

2.31 (1) assist state agencies, offices of the executive, legislative and judicial branches, tribal
 2.32 governments, and units of local government in improving collaboration, dispute resolution,
 2.33 and public engagement;

3.1 (2) promote and utilize collaborative dispute resolution models and processes based on
3.2 documented best practices including but not limited to:

3.3 (i) establishing criteria and procedures for identification and assessment of collaborative
3.4 dispute resolution projects;

3.5 (ii) designing collaborative dispute resolution processes to foster trust, relationships,
3.6 mutual understanding, and consensus-based solutions;

3.7 (iii) preparing and training participants; and

3.8 (iv) utilizing collaborative techniques, processes, and standards through facilitated
3.9 meetings to develop wise and durable solutions;

3.10 (3) support collaboration and dispute resolution in the public and private sector by
3.11 providing technical assistance and information on best practices and new developments in
3.12 dispute resolution options;

3.13 (4) promote the broad use of community mediation in the state;

3.14 (5) ensure that all areas of the state have access to services by providing grants to private
3.15 nonprofit entities certified by the state court administrator under chapter 494 that assist in
3.16 resolution of disputes; and

3.17 (6) educate the public and government entities on collaboration, dispute resolution
3.18 options, and public engagement.

3.19 Subd. 2. **Grant applications.** The commissioner may apply for and receive money made
3.20 available from federal, state, or other sources for the purposes of carrying out the mission
3.21 of the Office of Collaboration and Dispute Resolution. Funds received under this subdivision
3.22 are appropriated to the commissioner for their intended purpose.

3.23 Subd. 3. **Grant awards.** The commissioner shall to the extent funds are appropriated
3.24 for this purpose, make grants to private nonprofit community mediation entities certified
3.25 by the state court administrator under chapter 494 that assist in resolution of disputes. The
3.26 commissioner shall establish a grant review committee to assist in the review of grant
3.27 applications and the allocation of grants under this section.

3.28 Subd. 4. **Eligibility.** To be eligible for a grant under this section, a nonprofit organization
3.29 must meet the requirements of section 494.05, subdivision 1, clauses (1), (2), (4), and (5).

3.30 Subd. 5. **Conditions and exclusions.** A nonprofit entity receiving a grant must agree to
3.31 comply with guidelines adopted by the state court administrator under section 494.015,

4.1 subdivision 1. Policies adopted under sections 16B.97 and 16B.98 apply to grants under
 4.2 this section. The exclusions in section 494.03 apply to grants under this section.

4.3 Subd. 6. **Reporting.** Grantees must report data required under chapter 494 to evaluate
 4.4 quality and outcomes.

4.5 Sec. 5. **[16B.372] ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY GOVERNMENT**
 4.6 **OPERATIONS; OFFICE CREATED.**

4.7 Subdivision 1. **Enterprise sustainability.** The Office of Enterprise Sustainability is
 4.8 established to assist all state agencies in making measurable progress toward improving the
 4.9 sustainability of government operations by reducing the impact on the environment,
 4.10 controlling unnecessary waste of natural resources and public funds, and spurring innovation.
 4.11 The office shall create new tools and share best practices, assist state agencies to plan for
 4.12 and implement improvements, and monitor progress toward achieving intended outcomes.
 4.13 Specific duties include but are not limited to:

4.14 (1) managing a sustainability metrics and reporting system, including a public dashboard
 4.15 that allows Minnesotans to track progress;

4.16 (2) assisting agencies in developing and executing sustainability plans; and

4.17 (3) publishing an annual report.

4.18 Subd. 2. **Local governments.** The Office of Enterprise Sustainability shall make
 4.19 reasonable attempts to share tools and best practices with local governments.

4.20 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 16B.48, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

4.21 Subd. 2. **Purpose of funds.** Money in the state treasury credited to the general services
 4.22 revolving fund and money that is deposited in the fund is appropriated annually to the
 4.23 commissioner for the following purposes:

4.24 (1) to operate the central mailing service, including purchasing postage and related items
 4.25 and refunding postage deposits;

4.26 (2) to operate a documents service as prescribed by section 16B.51;

4.27 (3) to provide services for the maintenance, operation, and upkeep of buildings and
 4.28 grounds managed by the commissioner of administration;

4.29 ~~(4) to operate a materials handling service, including interagency mail and product~~
 4.30 ~~delivery, solid waste removal, courier service, equipment rental, and vehicle and equipment~~
 4.31 ~~maintenance;~~

5.1 ~~(5)~~ (4) to provide analytical, statistical, and organizational development services to state
5.2 agencies, local units of government, metropolitan and regional agencies, and school districts;
5.3 and

5.4 ~~(6)~~ (5) to perform services for any other agency. Money may be expended for this purpose
5.5 only when directed by the governor. The agency receiving the services shall reimburse the
5.6 fund for their cost, and the commissioner shall make the appropriate transfers when requested.
5.7 The term "services" as used in this clause means compensation paid officers and employees
5.8 of the state government; supplies, materials, equipment, and other articles and things used
5.9 by or furnished to an agency; and utility services and other services for the maintenance,
5.10 operation, and upkeep of buildings and offices of the state government; ~~and.~~

5.11 ~~(7) to operate a state recycling center.~~

5.12 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 16B.54, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

5.13 Subdivision 1. **Motor pools.** The commissioner shall manage a central motor pool of
5.14 passenger motor vehicles and trucks used by state agencies with principal offices in the city
5.15 of St. Paul and may provide for branch central motor pools at other places within the state.
5.16 For purposes of this section, (1) "agencies" includes the Minnesota State Colleges and
5.17 Universities, ~~and~~ (2) "passenger motor vehicle" means on-road vehicle capable of transporting
5.18 people, and (3) "truck" means a pickup or panel truck up to one ton carrying capacity.

5.19 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 16B.54, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

5.20 Subd. 2. **Vehicles.** (a) The commissioner may direct an agency to make a transfer of a
5.21 passenger motor vehicle or truck currently assigned to it. The transfer must be made to the
5.22 commissioner for use in the central motor pool. The commissioner shall reimburse an agency
5.23 whose motor vehicles have been paid for with funds dedicated by the constitution for a
5.24 special purpose and which are assigned to the central motor pool. The amount of
5.25 reimbursement for a motor vehicle is its average wholesale price as determined from the
5.26 midwest edition of the National Automobile Dealers Association official used car guide.

5.27 (b) To the extent that funds are available for the purpose, the commissioner may purchase
5.28 or otherwise acquire additional passenger motor vehicles and trucks necessary for the central
5.29 motor pool. The title to all motor vehicles assigned to or purchased or acquired for the
5.30 central motor pool is in the name of the Department of Administration.

5.31 (c) On the request of an agency, the commissioner may transfer to the central motor
5.32 pool any passenger motor vehicle or truck for the purpose of disposing of it. The department

6.1 or agency transferring the vehicle or truck must be paid for it from the motor pool revolving
 6.2 account established by this section in an amount equal to two-thirds of the average wholesale
 6.3 price of the vehicle or truck as determined from the midwest edition of the National
 6.4 Automobile Dealers Association official used car guide.

6.5 (d) The commissioner shall provide for the uniform marking of all motor vehicles. Motor
 6.6 vehicle colors must be selected from the regular color chart provided by the manufacturer
 6.7 each year. The commissioner may further provide for the use of motor vehicles without
 6.8 marking by:

6.9 (1) the governor;

6.10 (2) the lieutenant governor;

6.11 (3) the Division of Criminal Apprehension, the Division of Alcohol and Gambling
 6.12 Enforcement, and arson investigators of the Division of Fire Marshal in the Department of
 6.13 Public Safety;

6.14 (4) the Financial Institutions Division and investigative staff of the Department of
 6.15 Commerce;

6.16 (5) the Division of Disease Prevention and Control of the Department of Health;

6.17 (6) the State Lottery;

6.18 (7) criminal investigators of the Department of Revenue;

6.19 (8) state-owned community service facilities in the Department of Human Services;

6.20 (9) the Office of the Attorney General; ~~and~~

6.21 (10) the investigative staff of the Gambling Control Board; and

6.22 (11) the Department of Corrections inmate community work crew program under section
 6.23 352.91, subdivision 3g.

6.24 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 138.081, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

6.25 Subdivision 1. **Department of Administration as agency to accept federal funds.** The
 6.26 Department of Administration is hereby designated the state agency with power to accept
 6.27 any and all money provided for or made available to this state by the United States of
 6.28 America or any department or agency thereof for surveys, restoration, construction,
 6.29 equipping, or other purposes relating to the State Historic ~~sites~~ Preservation Program in
 6.30 accordance with the provisions of federal law and any rules or regulations promulgated
 6.31 thereunder and are further authorized to do any and all things required of this state by such

7.1 federal law and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder in order to obtain such
7.2 federal money.

7.3 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 138.081, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

7.4 Subd. 2. **Commissioner's responsibilities.** The commissioner as the state historic
7.5 preservation officer shall be responsible for the preparation, implementation and
7.6 administration of the State Historic Preservation Plan and shall administer the State Historic
7.7 Preservation Program authorized by the National Historic Preservation Act (United States
7.8 Code, title ~~16~~ 54, section ~~470~~ 300101 et seq. ~~as amended~~). The commissioner shall review
7.9 and approve in writing all grants-in-aid for architectural, archaeological and historic
7.10 preservation made by state agencies and funded by the state or a combination of state and
7.11 federal funds in accordance with the State Historic Preservation Program.

7.12 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 138.081, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

7.13 Subd. 3. **Administration of federal act.** ~~The Department of Administration~~ Minnesota
7.14 Historical Society is designated as the state agency to administer the provisions of the federal
7.15 act providing for the preservation of historical and archaeological data, United States Code,
7.16 title ~~16~~, sections ~~469 to 469C~~ 54, section 312501, as amended, insofar as the provisions of
7.17 the act provide for implementation by the state.

7.18 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 138.31, is amended by adding a subdivision to
7.19 read:

7.20 Subd. 13a. **State Historic Preservation Office.** "State Historic Preservation Office"
7.21 means the State Historic Preservation Office at the Department of Administration.

7.22 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 138.34, is amended to read:

7.23 **138.34 ADMINISTRATION OF THE ACT.**

7.24 The state archaeologist shall act as the agent of the state to administer and enforce the
7.25 provisions of sections 138.31 to 138.42. Some enforcement provisions are shared with the
7.26 society and the State Historic Preservation Office.

7.27 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 138.40, is amended to read:

7.28 **138.40 COOPERATION OF STATE AGENCIES; DEVELOPMENT PLANS.**

7.29 Subdivision 1. **Cooperation.** The Department of Natural Resources, the Department of
7.30 Transportation, and all other state agencies whose activities may be affected, shall cooperate

8.1 with the historical society, the State Historic Preservation Office, and the state archaeologist
8.2 to carry out the provisions of sections 138.31 to 138.42 and the rules issued thereunder, but
8.3 sections 138.31 to 138.42 are not meant to burden persons who wish to use state property
8.4 for recreational and other lawful purposes or to unnecessarily restrict the use of state property.

8.5 Subd. 2. **Compliance, enforcement, preservation.** State and other governmental agencies
8.6 shall comply with and aid in the enforcement of provisions of sections 138.31 to 138.42.
8.7 Conservation officers and other enforcement officers of the Department of Natural Resources
8.8 shall enforce the provisions of sections 138.31 to 138.42 and report violations to the ~~director~~
8.9 ~~of the society~~ state archeologist. When archaeological or historic sites are known or, based
8.10 on scientific investigations are predicted to exist on public lands or waters, the agency or
8.11 department controlling said lands or waters shall use the professional services of
8.12 archaeologists from the University of Minnesota, Minnesota Historical Society, or other
8.13 qualified professional archaeologists, to preserve these sites. In the event that archaeological
8.14 excavation is required to protect or preserve these sites, state and other governmental agencies
8.15 may use their funds for such activities.

8.16 Subd. 3. **Review of plans.** When significant archaeological or historic sites are known
8.17 or, based on scientific investigations, are predicted to exist on public lands or waters, the
8.18 agency or department controlling said lands or waters shall submit construction or
8.19 development plans to the state archaeologist and the ~~director of the society~~ State Historic
8.20 Preservation Office for review prior to the time bids are advertised. The state archaeologist
8.21 and the ~~society~~ State Historic Preservation Office shall promptly review such plans and
8.22 within 30 days of receiving the plans shall make recommendations for the preservation of
8.23 archaeological or historic sites which may be endangered by construction or development
8.24 activities. When archaeological or historic sites are related to Indian history or religion, the
8.25 state archaeologist shall submit the plans to the Indian Affairs Council for the council's
8.26 review and recommend action.

8.27 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 138.665, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

8.28 Subd. 2. **Mediation.** The state, state departments, agencies, and political subdivisions,
8.29 including the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota, have a responsibility to
8.30 protect the physical features and historic character of properties designated in sections
8.31 138.662 and 138.664 or listed on the National Register of Historic Places created by Public
8.32 Law 89-665. Before carrying out any undertaking that will affect designated or listed
8.33 properties, or funding or licensing an undertaking by other parties, the state department or
8.34 agency shall consult with the State Historic Preservation Office pursuant to the ~~society's~~

9.1 State Historic Preservation Office's established procedures to determine appropriate
 9.2 treatments and to seek ways to avoid and mitigate any adverse effects on designated or
 9.3 listed properties. If the state department or agency and the State Historic Preservation Office
 9.4 agree in writing on a suitable course of action, the project may proceed. If the parties cannot
 9.5 agree, any one of the parties may request that the governor appoint and convene a mediation
 9.6 task force consisting of five members, two appointed by the governor, the chair of the State
 9.7 Review Board of the State Historic Preservation Office, the commissioner of administration
 9.8 or the commissioner's designee, and one member ~~who is not an employee of the Minnesota~~
 9.9 ~~Historical Society~~ appointed by the director of the Minnesota Historical Society. The two
 9.10 appointees of the governor and ~~the one~~ of the director of the society shall be qualified by
 9.11 training or experience in one or more of the following disciplines: (1) history; (2)
 9.12 archaeology; and (3) architectural history. The mediation task force is not subject to the
 9.13 conditions of section 15.059. This subdivision does not apply to section 138.662, subdivision
 9.14 24, and section 138.664, subdivisions 8 and 111.

9.15 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 138.666, is amended to read:

9.16 **138.666 COOPERATION.**

9.17 The state, state departments and agencies, political subdivisions, and the Board of Regents
 9.18 of the University of Minnesota shall cooperate with the Minnesota Historical Society and
 9.19 the State Historic Preservation Office in safeguarding state historic sites and in the
 9.20 preservation of historic and archaeological properties.

9.21 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 138.667, is amended to read:

9.22 **138.667 HISTORIC PROPERTIES; CHANGES.**

9.23 Properties designated as historic properties by sections 138.661 to 138.664 may be
 9.24 changed from time to time, and the Minnesota Historical Society and the State Historic
 9.25 Preservation Office shall notify the legislature of the need for changes, and shall make
 9.26 recommendations to keep the state historic sites network and the state register of historic
 9.27 places current and complete. The significance of properties proposed for designation under
 9.28 section 138.663, subdivision 2, shall be documented under the documentation standards
 9.29 established by the ~~Minnesota Historical Society~~ State Historic Preservation Office.
 9.30 Documentation shall include the opinion of the Minnesota Historical Society for the historic
 9.31 sites network under section 138.661, subdivision 3, and the State Historic Preservation
 9.32 Office for the state register of historic places under section 138.663, subdivision 2, as to
 9.33 whether the property meets the selection criteria.

10.1 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 138.763, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

10.2 Subdivision 1. **Membership.** There is a St. Anthony Falls Heritage Board consisting of
10.3 22 members with the director of the Minnesota Historical Society as chair. The members
10.4 include the mayor; the chair of the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners or the chair's
10.5 designee; the president of the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board or the president's
10.6 designee; the superintendent of the park board; two members each from the house of
10.7 representatives appointed by the speaker, the senate appointed by the Rules Committee, the
10.8 city council, the Hennepin County Board, and the park board; one member each from the
10.9 preservation commission, the State Historic Preservation Office, Hennepin County Historical
10.10 Society, and the society; one person appointed by the park board; and two persons appointed
10.11 by the chair of the board.

10.12 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 211B.20, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

10.13 Subdivision 1. **Prohibition.** (a) It is unlawful for a person, either directly or indirectly,
10.14 to deny access to an apartment house, dormitory, nursing home, manufactured home park,
10.15 other multiple unit facility used as a residence, or an area in which two or more single-family
10.16 dwellings are located on private roadways to ~~a candidate~~ an individual who ~~has~~:

10.17 (1) has organized a campaign committee under applicable federal or state law;

10.18 (2) has filed a financial report as required by section 211A.02; ~~or~~

10.19 (3) has filed an affidavit of candidacy for elected office; or

10.20 (4) is a United States Census Bureau employee.

10.21 A candidate granted access under this section must be allowed to be accompanied by
10.22 campaign volunteers.

10.23 (b) For candidates, access to a facility or area is only required if it is located within the
10.24 district or territory that will be represented by the office to which the candidate seeks election,
10.25 and the candidate and any accompanying campaign volunteers seek access exclusively for
10.26 the purpose of campaigning for a candidate or registering voters. The candidate must be
10.27 seeking election to office at the next general or special election to be held for that office.

10.28 (c) A candidate and any accompanying campaign volunteers granted access under this
10.29 section must be permitted to leave campaign materials for residents at their doors, except
10.30 that the manager of a nursing home may direct that the campaign materials be left at a central
10.31 location within the facility. The campaign materials must be left in an orderly manner.

11.1 (d) If a facility or area contains multiple buildings, a candidate and accompanying
11.2 volunteers must be permitted to access more than one building on a single visit, but access
11.3 is limited to only one building at a time. If multiple candidates are traveling together, each
11.4 candidate and that candidate's accompanying volunteers is limited to one building at a time,
11.5 but all of the candidates and accompanying volunteers traveling together must not be
11.6 restricted to accessing the same building at the same time.

11.7 (e) For a United States Census Bureau employee, access to a facility or area is only
11.8 required if it is part of their official work duties on a decennial census of population. United
11.9 States Census Bureau employees working on other surveys and censuses are not granted
11.10 access under this section.

11.11 (f) A United States Census Bureau employee must be permitted to leave census materials
11.12 for residents at their doors. The census materials must be left in an orderly manner.

11.13 (g) If a facility or area contains multiple buildings, a United States Census Bureau
11.14 employee must be permitted to access more than one building on a single visit. If multiple
11.15 employees are traveling together, they must not be restricted to accessing the same building
11.16 at the same time.

11.17 ~~(e)~~ (h) A violation of this section is a petty misdemeanor.

11.18 Sec. 20. **REVISOR INSTRUCTION.**

11.19 The revisor of statutes shall change "central motor pool" to "enterprise fleet" wherever
11.20 it appears in Minnesota Statutes.

11.21 Sec. 21. **REPEALER.**

11.22 Minnesota Statutes 2020, sections 4A.11; 179.90; and 179.91, are repealed.

4A.11 MILESTONES REPORT.

The commissioner must review the statewide system of economic, social, and environmental performance measures in use under section 16A.10, subdivision 1c, and known as Minnesota milestones. The commissioner must provide the economic, social, and environmental information necessary to assist public and elected officials with understanding and evaluating Minnesota milestones. The commissioner must report on the trends and their implications for Minnesota milestones each year and provide the commissioner of management and budget with recommendations for the use of Minnesota milestones in budget documents. The commissioner may contract for the development of information and measures.

179.90 OFFICE OF COLLABORATION AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION.

The commissioner of mediation services shall establish an Office of Collaboration and Dispute Resolution within the bureau. The office must:

(1) promote the broad use of community mediation in the state, ensuring that all areas of the state have access to services by providing grants to private nonprofit entities certified by the state court administrator under chapter 494 that assist in resolution of disputes;

(2) assist state agencies, offices of the executive, legislative, and judicial branches, and units of local government in improving collaboration and dispute resolution;

(3) support collaboration and dispute resolution in the public and private sector by providing technical assistance and information on best practices and new developments in dispute resolution options;

(4) educate the public and governmental entities on dispute resolution options; and

(5) promote and utilize collaborative dispute resolution models and processes based on documented best practices including, but not limited to, the Minnesota Solutions model:

(i) establishing criteria and procedures for identification and assessment of dispute resolution projects;

(ii) designating projects and appointing impartial convenors by the commissioner or the commissioner's designee;

(iii) forming multidisciplinary conflict resolution teams; and

(iv) utilizing collaborative techniques, processes, and standards through facilitated meetings until consensus among parties is reached in resolving a dispute.

179.91 GRANTS.

Subdivision 1. **Authority.** The commissioner of mediation services shall to the extent funds are appropriated for this purpose, make grants to private nonprofit community mediation entities certified by the state court administrator under chapter 494 that assist in resolution of disputes. The commissioner shall establish a grant review committee to assist in the review of grant applications and the allocation of grants under this section.

Subd. 2. **Eligibility.** To be eligible for a grant under this section, a nonprofit organization must meet the requirements of section 494.05, subdivision 1, clauses (1), (2), (4), and (5).

Subd. 3. **Conditions and exclusions.** A nonprofit entity receiving a grant must agree to comply with guidelines adopted by the state court administrator under section 494.015, subdivision 1. Sections 16B.97 and 16B.98 and policies adopted under those sections apply to grants under this section. The exclusions in section 494.03 apply to grants under this section.

Subd. 4. **Reporting.** Grantees must report data required under chapter 494 to evaluate quality and outcomes.