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## Bill Summary

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### Article 1

This bill conforms Minnesota Statutes to the Governor's Executive Reorganization Order 190, effective December 25, 2003.

Executive Order 190 transferred from the commissioner of education to the commissioner of veterans affairs the authority for certifying higher education programs for federal funding eligibility, as well as the authority for administering the veterans training program. Accompanying this transfer of authority is the transfer of a small number of administrative positions and personnel. No collective bargaining agreements for those personnel and positions are affected by the executive order or by this bill.

Under Minn. Stat. 16B.37, an executive order transferring power, personnel or duties from one agency to another is effective upon its filing with the Secretary of State, which can occur no less than 30 days following delivery of the order to the respective chairs of the House and Senate governmental operations committees. The statute further directs the commissioner of administration to submit a bill the following session to make the conforming statutory changes - i.e., the present bill.

### Article 2

This article strikes and repeals some archaic language in current law relating to the State Soldier's Assistance Fund. The fund has been used primarily to provide emergency optical and dental assistance to needy veterans; however, due to funding limitations, it

has not been used to provide emergency hospitalization and medical treatment. The language in this article conforms the statutory language to the department's practice in that regard