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Overview

Makes changes in various laws relating to the operation of the Department of Administration

Section

- 1 **Ethics.** Provides that state employees involved in the grants process are subject to the code of ethics for state employees in current law.
- 2 **Ethics policy.** Under current law, the commissioner of administration must develop a code of ethics and conflict of interest policies for employees involved in acquisition of goods and services. This section provides that these policies must apply to employees involved in award and administration of grant contracts.
- 3 **Definition.** Defines "commissioner" as the commissioner of administration for purposes of laws governing field archaeology.
- 4 **Review of license decisions.** Provides that a person whose application for a field archaeology license has been denied, or whose license has been modified, suspended, or revoked, may appeal the decision by filing a request with the commissioner of administration for a contested case hearing within 30 days.
- 5 **Reports.** Requires state archaeologist reports to be filed with the commissioner of administration, in addition to the Indian affairs council and the director of the Minnesota Historical Society.
- 6 **Rules.** Provides for the commissioner of administration, rather than the director of the historical society to adopt rules to carry out the field archaeology laws.
- 7 **Violations.** Refers to commissioner of administration, rather than the director of the historical society, in law dealing with violations of field archaeology laws and rules.
- 8 **Repealers.**

13.6401: Data practices act reference to section 16B.415, which also is repealed by this bill

16B.415: Duty of commissioner of administration for ongoing operations of state agency information technology activities.

84B.11: Citizen Council on Voyageurs National Park (effective July 1, 2003)