Overview

Amends various laws relating to the work of the Department of Administration.

Section

1 Easements. Adds to list of purposes for which the Commissioner of Administration may grant easements. Also, authorizes the commissioner, where necessary and appropriate, to obtain an easement or permit over, under or across nonstate land.

2 Shared energy savings. Under current law, the shared energy savings program involving energy conservation expenditures on state-owned buildings expires January 1, 2001. This section extends the program until December 31, 2006.

3 Designer selection. Increases dollar thresholds that make projects subject to the designer selection board process. These thresholds are increased from $750,000 to $2 million for project costs and from $60,000 to $200,000 for planning fees.

4 Parking. Provides that money the commissioner collects for use of state parking facilities can be used for safeguarding the facilities, in addition to operating, maintaining, and improving.

5 Van pools; bus cards. Provides that use of commuter vans is limited to state employees. Permits commissioner to use parking surcharge imposed under current law for vehicles driven by one person to buy Metro Transit bus cards, for resale at a discounted rate to state employees. Also permits these funds to be used to promote other alternative transportation modes, including use of multi-occupancy vehicles.

6 Risk management. Provides that political subdivisions may participate in insurance programs and other funding alternative programs provided by the risk management fund in the department of administration.

7 Risk management. Similar change to previous section.

8 Federal contracts. Permits all state agencies, instead of three specified agencies, to make full or partial prepayment under a contract to a federal agency when this is required by a federal
-10910 **Reinstatement.** Reinstates a repealed law authorizing the commissioner of administration to provide services to the legislature and judicial branches, MnSCU, university of Minnesota, political subdivisions, and federal agencies.

11 **Repealer.** Repeals section 16B.415, which says the commissioner of administration, through a division of technology management, is responsible for ongoing operations of state agency information technology activities.

12 **Effective dates.** Sections 9 and 10 are effective the day following final enactment.