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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations, Reform, Technology and Elections

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to state government; providing for management of state grants;
1.3 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16B.

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

1.5 Section 1. [16B.855] GRANTS MANAGEMENT.

1.6 Subdivision 1. Commissioner duties. (a) The commissioner must coordinate state
1.7 agency management of grants to increase agency consistency and efficiency, and to
1.8 streamline the grant process and reduce administrative burdens on entities applying for
1.9 state grants. The commissioner must ensure that agencies:

1.10 (1) publicize grants as broadly as possible;

1.11 (2) clearly communicate to interested organizations the criteria and process the
1.12 granting agency will use in evaluating grants applications;

1.13 (3) use standard documents developed by the commissioner for requests for
1.14 proposals, contracts, and report forms to make the grant process as consistent and
1.15 understandable as possible for grantees; and

1.16 (4) clearly communicate to grantees the process that will be used for making
1.17 payments, monitoring performance, and closing out the grant.

1.18 (b) In performing duties under paragraph (a), the commissioner must:

1.19 (1) identify and communicate to agencies best practices regarding grant management;

1.20 (2) train agencies on implementing the best practices; and

1.21 (3) require agencies to follow the best practices.