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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to energy; requiring commissioner of administration to construct  
1.3 accessible database reporting energy use in public buildings; appropriating  
1.4 money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16B.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[16B.322] PUBLIC BUILDING REPORT CARD.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) Terms used in this section have the meanings given  
1.8 them in this subdivision.

1.9 (b) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of administration.

1.10 (c) "Weather-normalized" means the adjustment of annual energy use to account for  
1.11 the differences in the actual average daily temperatures experienced in a given year in the  
1.12 geographical location where the energy use takes place and an average temperature year.

1.13 Subd. 2. **Database contents.** (a) The commissioner shall develop and maintain  
1.14 a Web site with a searchable database that is accessible to the public on energy use in  
1.15 all buildings owned by the state and any political subdivision. The commissioner shall  
1.16 create the database from data obtained from political subdivisions reporting energy use  
1.17 in public buildings. The commissioner may add to the database any information the  
1.18 commissioner deems appropriate. At a minimum, the database must be searchable by  
1.19 building name; town, statutory or home rule charter city, or county where the building  
1.20 is located; and building owner.

1.21 (b) The database must include at least the following data:

1.22 (1) name and street address of the building;

1.23 (2) name of the political subdivision that owns the building;

1.24 (3) building location;

- 2.1 (4) square footage of the building;
- 2.2 (5) building type;
- 2.3 (6) total energy consumed for heating, actual and weather-normalized, by type of
- 2.4 heating fuel used;
- 2.5 (7) total electricity consumed;
- 2.6 (8) total heating energy consumed per square foot, actual and weather-normalized,
- 2.7 expressed in units of heating fuel used per square foot and millions of BTU's per square
- 2.8 foot;
- 2.9 (9) total electricity consumed per square foot, expressed in kilowatt-hours per square
- 2.10 foot;
- 2.11 (10) corresponding data for clauses (8) and (9) for a building of the same type that
- 2.12 meets the specifications of Minnesota's energy code, contained in Minnesota Rules;
- 2.13 (11) the percentage by which the building's heat and electricity use per square
- 2.14 foot, as reported in clauses (8) and (9), respectively, is less than or greater than the
- 2.15 corresponding values for a building of similar type meeting Minnesota's energy code, as
- 2.16 reported in clause (10);
- 2.17 (12) total cost paid for energy consumed for heating;
- 2.18 (13) total cost paid for total electricity consumed;
- 2.19 (14) corresponding data for clauses (12) and (13) for a building of the same type that
- 2.20 meets the specifications of Minnesota's energy code; and
- 2.21 (15) the percentage by which the total cost of the building's heat and electricity use
- 2.22 per square foot, as reported in clauses (12) and (13) respectively, is less than or greater
- 2.23 than the corresponding values for a building of similar type meeting Minnesota's energy
- 2.24 code, as reported in clause (14).
- 2.25 (c) The data base must also contain Internet links to the Web site of the utility
- 2.26 servicing the building and to the Department of Commerce's Web site for the conservation
- 2.27 improvement program, as described in section 216B.241.
- 2.28 Subd. 3. **Availability.** The database described in subdivision 2 must contain
- 2.29 complete data and be accessible to the public:
- 2.30 (1) by June 30, 2009, for state buildings;
- 2.31 (2) by June 30, 2010, for statutory and home rule charter cities of the first class;
- 2.32 (3) by June 30, 2011, for statutory and home rule charter cities of the second through
- 2.33 fourth class; and
- 2.34 (4) by June 30, 2012, for all political subdivisions.

2.35 **Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION.**

3.1            \$..... is appropriated to the commissioner of administration from the energy and  
3.2 conservation account for the purposes of section 1. This appropriation does not lapse and  
3.3 is available until spent.

3.4            **Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

3.5            Sections 1 and 2 are effective the day following final enactment.