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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; proposing various changes relating to state  
1.3 finance; requiring performance measures in bills proposing new or increased  
1.4 appropriations; creating a state building commission; limiting authorizations for  
1.5 general obligation bonds; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,  
1.6 chapters 3; 16A.

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

1.8 Section 1. **SHORT TITLE.**

1.9 This act shall be known as the "State Budget and Capital Reform Act of 2007."

1.10 Sec. 2. **[3.315] APPROPRIATION BILLS; PERFORMANCE MEASURES.**

1.11 (a) A bill proposing an appropriation for a new program or activity or proposing an  
1.12 increase of more than five percent in the base appropriation for an existing program or  
1.13 activity must include a statement of the outcomes the legislature expects to be achieved  
1.14 as a result of the new or increased appropriation. To the extent practical, the legislative  
1.15 statement must also describe the measures that will be used to determine the extent to  
1.16 which these outcomes are achieved. In describing these measures, a bill may adopt or  
1.17 modify performance measures proposed by an agency in a budget proposal submitted as  
1.18 required by section 16A.10, subdivision 1c.

1.19 (b) This section does not apply to a proposed increase in an appropriation that is  
1.20 based on general budget instructions issued by the governor or the commissioner of  
1.21 finance to deal with increased costs due to rent, employee compensation, or inflation,  
1.22 or to a proposed increase in an appropriation that is based on caseload, pupil count, or  
1.23 similar factors.

2.1       Sec. 3. **[16A.6315] LIMIT ON BOND ISSUANCE.**

2.2             The commissioner must not issue general obligation bonds to the extent that issuance  
2.3 of the bonds would cause general fund appropriations needed to pay the debt service on  
2.4 all general obligation bonds issued by the state to exceed three percent of the amount the  
2.5 commissioner estimates to be the nondedicated general fund revenues for the biennium in  
2.6 which the general obligation bonds are to be issued. In estimating the nondedicated general  
2.7 fund revenues for each biennium beginning after July 1, 2007, the commissioner must  
2.8 decrease the estimated revenues by the percentage change in the implicit price deflator for  
2.9 personal consumption expenditures for the United States as published by the Bureau of  
2.10 Economic Analysis of the federal Department of Commerce from the effective date of this  
2.11 section, to the time the commissioner of finance estimates general fund revenues.

2.12       Sec. 4. **[16A.6316] BOND FUND RECIPIENTS.**

2.13             In authorizing issuance of bonds, to the extent practical the legislature must not  
2.14 identify specific recipients of appropriations from bond proceeds, but rather must authorize  
2.15 bonds for purposes expressed in general statutes establishing governmental programs, so  
2.16 that the recipients will be selected through a competitive process.

2.17       Sec. 5. **[16A.6317] STATE BUILDING COMMISSION.**

2.18             Subdivision 1. **Purpose.** The State Building Commission is created to develop and  
2.19 oversee the implementation of a program to provide, maintain, and improve the buildings  
2.20 required to support the functions and duties of all three branches of state government.

2.21             Subd. 2. **Membership.** The State Building Commission consists of:

2.22               (1) three members appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the governor;

2.23               (2) three members appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the speaker of the  
2.24 house, including at least one member of the largest minority caucus of the house of  
2.25 representatives;

2.26               (3) three members appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the Subcommittee on  
2.27 Committees of the Senate Rules and Administration Committee, including at least one  
2.28 member of the largest minority caucus of the senate.

2.29             Subd. 3. **Duties.** The State Building Commission must:

2.30               (1) hold hearings on long-range plans related to state government buildings;

2.31               (2) make recommendations to the legislature on funding needed to construct,  
2.32 maintain, and improve state government buildings; not including the Minnesota State  
2.33 Colleges and Universities; and

3.1 (3) oversee implementation of the construction, maintenance, and improvement of  
3.2 state government buildings with money appropriated by the legislature.

3.3 Subd. 4. **Meetings.** Meetings of the commission, and any subgroups must be open  
3.4 to the public. For purposes of this subdivision, a meeting occurs when a quorum is  
3.5 present and action is taken regarding a matter within the jurisdiction of the commission or  
3.6 subgroup. For legislative members of the commission, enforcement of this subdivision is  
3.7 governed by section 3.055, subdivision 2. For nonlegislative members of the commission,  
3.8 enforcement of this subdivision is governed by section 13D.06, subdivisions 1 and 2.

3.9 Subd. 5. **Administrative matters.** The State Building Commission is in the  
3.10 legislative branch. The Legislative Coordinating Commission must provide administrative  
3.11 support services. Members appointed by the governor receive compensation and expense  
3.12 reimbursement as provided in section 15.0575.

3.13 **Sec. 6. APPROPRIATION.**

3.14 \$..... is appropriated to the Legislative Coordinating Commission from the  
3.15 general fund for the biennium ending June 30, 2009, for purposes of the State Building  
3.16 Commission.