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

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to state government; providing for an independent Office of Strategic  
1.3 and Long-Range Planning; transferring duties; appropriating money; amending  
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 4A.01; 4A.02; 4A.06.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 4A.01, is amended to read:

1.7 **4A.01 OFFICE OF STRATEGIC AND LONG-RANGE PLANNING.**

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Creation; duties.** The Office of Strategic and Long-Range Planning  
1.9 is created as an independent agency of state government, with a director appointed by the  
1.10 governor. The director is the state planning officer and is responsible for the coordination,  
1.11 development, assessment, and communication of information, performance measures,  
1.12 planning, and policy concerning the state's future. The director may not hold another state  
1.13 office. The director may contract with another agency for the provision of administrative  
1.14 services.

1.15 Subd. 2. **Long-range plan.** By September 15, 2010, and every five years thereafter,  
1.16 the ~~Office of Strategic and Long-Range Planning~~ director must develop an integrated  
1.17 long-range plan for the state based upon the plans and strategies of state agencies, public  
1.18 advice about the future, and other information developed under this chapter. The ~~office~~  
1.19 director must coordinate activities among all levels of government and must stimulate  
1.20 public interest and participation in the future of the state.

1.21 The ~~office~~ director must act in coordination with the commissioner of finance,  
1.22 affected state agencies, and the legislature in the planning and financing of major public  
1.23 programs.

2.1            Subd. 3. **Report.** The director must submit a report to the governor and legislature  
2.2 no later than the end of the first week in December of each year on the economic, social,  
2.3 and environmental information necessary for public and elected officials to manage  
2.4 for the long-term. The report must identify and assess the information important to  
2.5 understanding the state's two-, ten-, and 50-year outlook and be informed on the decisions  
2.6 that elected officials and the public may face. The report must include the demographic  
2.7 forecast required by section 4A.02, paragraph (e), and the milestones report required by  
2.8 section 4A.06 and may include policy recommendations based upon the information  
2.9 and assessment provided.

2.10            Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 4A.02, is amended to read:

2.11            **4A.02 STATE DEMOGRAPHER.**

2.12            (a) The director shall appoint a state demographer. The demographer must be  
2.13 professionally competent in demography and must possess demonstrated ability based  
2.14 upon past performance.

2.15            (b) The demographer shall:

2.16            (1) continuously gather and develop demographic data relevant to the state;

2.17            (2) design and test methods of research and data collection;

2.18            (3) periodically prepare population projections for the state and designated regions  
2.19 and periodically prepare projections for each county or other political subdivision of the  
2.20 state as necessary to carry out the purposes of this section;

2.21            (4) review, comment on, and prepare analysis of population estimates and  
2.22 projections made by state agencies, political subdivisions, other states, federal agencies, or  
2.23 nongovernmental persons, institutions, or commissions;

2.24            (5) serve as the state liaison with the United States Bureau of the Census, coordinate  
2.25 state and federal demographic activities to the fullest extent possible, and aid the  
2.26 legislature in preparing a census data plan and form for each decennial census;

2.27            (6) compile an annual study of population estimates on the basis of county, regional,  
2.28 or other political or geographical subdivisions as necessary to carry out the purposes of  
2.29 this section and section 4A.03;

2.30            (7) by January 1 of each year, issue a report to the legislature containing an analysis  
2.31 of the demographic implications of the annual population study and population projections;

2.32            (8) prepare maps for all counties in the state, all municipalities with a population  
2.33 of 10,000 or more, and other municipalities as needed for census purposes, according to  
2.34 scale and detail recommended by the United States Bureau of the Census, with the maps  
2.35 of cities showing precinct boundaries;

3.1 (9) prepare an estimate of population and of the number of households for each  
 3.2 governmental subdivision for which the Metropolitan Council does not prepare an annual  
 3.3 estimate, and convey the estimates to the governing body of each political subdivision  
 3.4 by June 1 of each year;

3.5 (10) direct, under section 414.01, subdivision 14, and certify population and  
 3.6 household estimates of annexed or detached areas of municipalities or towns after being  
 3.7 notified of the order or letter of approval by the chief administrative law judge of the  
 3.8 State Office of Administrative Hearings;

3.9 (11) prepare, for any purpose for which a population estimate is required by law  
 3.10 or needed to implement a law, a population estimate of a municipality or town whose  
 3.11 population is affected by action under section 379.02 or 414.01, subdivision 14; and

3.12 (12) prepare an estimate of average household size for each statutory or home rule  
 3.13 charter city with a population of 2,500 or more by June 1 of each year.

3.14 (c) A governing body may challenge an estimate made under paragraph (b) by filing  
 3.15 their specific objections in writing with the state demographer by June 24. If the challenge  
 3.16 does not result in an acceptable estimate, the governing body may have a special census  
 3.17 conducted by the United States Bureau of the Census. The political subdivision must  
 3.18 notify the state demographer by July 1 of its intent to have the special census conducted.  
 3.19 The political subdivision must bear all costs of the special census. Results of the special  
 3.20 census must be received by the state demographer by the next April 15 to be used in that  
 3.21 year's June 1 estimate to the political subdivision under paragraph (b).

3.22 (d) The state demographer shall certify the estimates of population and household  
 3.23 size to the commissioner of revenue by July 15 each year, including any estimates still  
 3.24 under objection.

3.25 (e) The state demographer shall release a demographic forecast in conjunction with  
 3.26 the commissioner of finance and the November state economic forecast.

3.27 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 4A.06, is amended to read:

3.28 **4A.06 FIREARMS MILESTONES REPORT REQUIRED.**

3.29 ~~The Criminal Justice Statistical Analysis Center of the Office of Strategic and~~  
 3.30 ~~Long-Range Planning shall report to the legislature no later than January 31 of each year~~  
 3.31 ~~on the number of persons arrested, charged, convicted, and sentenced for violations of each~~  
 3.32 ~~state law affecting the use or possession of firearms. The report must include complete~~  
 3.33 ~~statistics, including the make, model, and serial number of each firearm involved, where~~  
 3.34 ~~that information is available, on each crime committed affecting the use or possession of~~  
 3.35 ~~firearms and a breakdown by county of the crimes committed. The director must establish~~

4.1 a statewide system of economic, social, and environmental performance measures. The  
4.2 milestones must provide the economic, social, and environmental information necessary  
4.3 for public and elected officials to understand and evaluate the sustainability of the state's  
4.4 long-term trends. The director must report on the trends and their implications each year.  
4.5 The director may contract for the development of information and measures.

4.6 Sec. 4. **TRANSFER OF STAFF AND RESOURCES.**

4.7 The responsibilities, staff, and resources of the Office of Geographic and  
4.8 Demographic Analysis in state and community services are transferred under section  
4.9 15.039 to the Office of Strategic and Long-Range Planning.

4.10 Sec. 5. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

4.11 \$..... for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, and \$..... for the fiscal year ending  
4.12 June 30, 2011, is appropriated from the general fund to the director of the Office of  
4.13 Strategic and Long-Range Planning for the purposes of Minnesota Statutes, sections  
4.14 4A.01 to 4A.07.