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A bill for an act

relating to local government; abolishing certain local government mandates;

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1.3	repealing Minnesota Statutes 2010, sections 122A.61; 123B.05; 126C.12;
1.4	134.34, subdivisions 1, 3, 4, 7; 326B.145; 340A.403, subdivision 4; 382.265;
1.5	388.24, subdivision 4; 395.14; 395.15; 395.16; 395.17; 395.18; 395.19; 395.20;
1.6	395.21; 395.22; 395.23; 395.24; 471.6161, subdivision 5; 471.661; 471.991;
1.7	471.992, subdivisions 1, 2, 4; 471.993; 471.994; 471.995; 471.9966; 471.997;
1.8	471.9981, subdivisions 5a, 5b, 6, 7; 471.999; 626.8458, subdivision 5; 626.8468,
1.9	subdivision 1; 626A.17.
1.10	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
1.11	Section 1. REPEALER.
1.12	Minnesota Statutes 2010, sections 122A.61; 123B.05; 126C.12; 134.34, subdivisions
1.13	1, 3, 4, and 7; 326B.145; 340A.403, subdivision 4; 382.265; 388.24, subdivision 4;
1.14	395.14; 395.15; 395.16; 395.17; 395.18; 395.19; 395.20; 395.21; 395.22; 395.23; 395.24;
1.15	471.6161, subdivision 5; 471.661; 471.991; 471.992, subdivisions 1, 2, and 4; 471.993;
1.16	471.994; 471.995; 471.9966; 471.997; 471.9981, subdivisions 5a, 5b, 6, and 7; 471.999;

626.8458, subdivision 5; 626.8468, subdivision 1; and 626A.17, are repealed.

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Section 1.

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122A.61 RESERVED REVENUE FOR STAFF DEVELOPMENT.

Subdivision 1. Staff development revenue. A district is required to reserve an amount equal to at least two percent of the basic revenue under section 126C.10, subdivision 2, for in-service education for programs under section 120B.22, subdivision 2, for staff development plans, including plans for challenging instructional activities and experiences under section 122A.60, and for curriculum development and programs, other in-service education, teachers' workshops, teacher conferences, the cost of substitute teachers staff development purposes, preservice and in-service education for special education professionals and paraprofessionals, and other related costs for staff development efforts. A district may annually waive the requirement to reserve their basic revenue under this section if a majority vote of the licensed teachers in the district and a majority vote of the school board agree to a resolution to waive the requirement. A district in statutory operating debt is exempt from reserving basic revenue according to this section. Districts may expend an additional amount of unreserved revenue for staff development based on their needs. With the exception of amounts reserved for staff development from revenues allocated directly to school sites, the board must initially allocate 50 percent of the reserved revenue to each school site in the district on a per teacher basis, which must be retained by the school site until used. The board may retain 25 percent to be used for district wide staff development efforts. The remaining 25 percent of the revenue must be used to make grants to school sites for best practices methods. A grant may be used for any purpose authorized under section 120B.22, subdivision 2, 122A.60, or for the costs of curriculum development and programs, other in-service education, teachers' workshops, teacher conferences, substitute teachers for staff development purposes, and other staff development efforts, and determined by the site professional development team. The site professional development team must demonstrate to the school board the extent to which staff at the site have met the outcomes of the program. The board may withhold a portion of initial allocation of revenue if the staff development outcomes are not being met.

- Subd. 2. **Career teacher staff development.** Of a district's basic revenue under section 126C.10, subdivision 2, an amount equal to \$5 times the number of resident pupil units must be reserved by a district operating a career teacher program according to sections 124D.25 to 124D.29. The revenue may be used only to provide staff development for the career teacher program.
- Subd. 3. **Coursework and training.** A school district may use the revenue reserved under subdivision 1 for grants to the district's teachers to pay for coursework and training leading to certification as a college in the schools or concurrent enrollment teacher. In order to receive a grant, the teacher must be enrolled in a program that includes coursework and training focused on teaching a core subject.

123B.05 CONTRACT DEADLINE AND PENALTY.

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** The following definitions apply to this section.

- (1) "Public employer" means:
- (i) a district; and
- (ii) a public employer, as defined by section 179A.03, subdivision 15, other than a district that (i) negotiates a contract under chapter 179A with teachers, and (ii) is established by, receives state money, or levies under chapters 120A to 129C, or 136D, or 268A.
- (2) "Teacher" means a person, other than a superintendent or assistant superintendent, principal, assistant principal, or a supervisor or confidential employee who occupies a position for which the person must be licensed by the Board of Teaching, commissioner of education, the former Board of Technical Colleges, or the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities.
- Subd. 2. Contract deadline date; state aid penalty. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a public employer and the exclusive representative of the teachers must both sign a collective bargaining agreement on or before January 15 of an even-numbered calendar year. If a collective bargaining agreement is not signed by that date, state aid paid to the public employer for that fiscal year must be reduced. However, state aid must not be reduced if:
- (1) a public employer and the exclusive representative of the teachers have submitted all unresolved contract items to interest arbitration according to section 179A.16 before December 31 of an odd-numbered year and filed required final positions on all unresolved items with the commissioner of mediation services before January 15 of an even-numbered year; and
- (2) the arbitration panel has issued its decision within 60 days after the date the final positions were filed.

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- Subd. 3. **State aid penalty exemptions.** (a) For a district that reorganizes according to section 123A.46, 123A.48, or sections 123A.35 to 123A.43 effective July 1 of an odd-numbered year, state aid must not be reduced according to this section if the board and the exclusive representative of the teachers both sign a collective bargaining agreement on or before the March 15 following the effective date of reorganization.
- (b) For a district that jointly negotiates a contract before the effective date of reorganization under section 123A.46, 123A.48, or sections 123A.35 to 123A.43 that, for the first time, includes teachers in all districts to be reorganized, state aid must not be reduced according to this section if the board and the exclusive representative of the teachers sign a collective bargaining agreement on or before the March 15 following the expiration of the teacher contracts in each district involved in the joint negotiation.
- (c) Only one extension of the contract deadline is available to a district under this subdivision.
- Subd. 4. **Calculation of state aid reduction.** (a) The reduction must equal \$25 times the number of adjusted pupil units:
 - (1) for a district, that are in the district during that fiscal year; or
- (2) for a public employer other than a district, that are in programs provided by the employer during the preceding fiscal year.
- (b) The department must determine the number of full-time equivalent resident pupil units in the programs. The department must reduce general education aid; if general education aid is insufficient or not paid, the department must reduce other state aids.
- Subd. 5. **State aid reductions returned to general fund.** Reductions from aid to districts and public employers other than districts must be returned to the general fund.

126C.12 LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT REVENUE AMOUNT AND USE.

Subdivision 1. **Revenue.** Of a district's general education revenue for fiscal year 2000 and thereafter each school district shall reserve an amount equal to the formula allowance multiplied by the following calculation:

- (1) the sum of adjusted marginal cost pupils in average daily membership, according to section 126C.05, subdivision 5, in kindergarten times .057; plus
- (2) the sum of adjusted marginal cost pupils in average daily membership, according to section 126C.05, subdivision 5, in grades 1 to 3 times .115; plus
- (3) the sum of adjusted marginal cost pupils in average daily membership, according to section 126C.05, subdivision 5, in grades 4 to 6 times .06.
- Subd. 2. **Definitions.** (a) "Classroom teacher" means a public employee licensed by the board of teaching who is authorized to teach all subjects to children in any grade in kindergarten through grade 6 and whose duties are full-time regular classroom instruction, excluding a teacher for whom federal aids are received or for whom categorical aids are received under section 125A.76 or who is an itinerant teacher or provides instruction outside of the regular classroom. Except as provided in section 122A.68, subdivision 6, classroom teacher does not include supervisory and support personnel defined in section 122A.15. A classroom teacher whose duties are less than full-time instruction must be included as an equivalent only for the number of hours of instruction in kindergarten through grade 3.
- (b) "Class size" means the districtwide ratio at each grade level of the number of full-time students in kindergarten through grade 3 served at least 40 percent of the time in regular classrooms to the number of full-time classroom teachers in kindergarten through grade 3, determined as of October 1 of each school year.
- Subd. 3. **Instruction contact time.** Instruction may be provided by a classroom teacher or by a team of classroom teachers, or by a teacher resident supervised by a classroom teacher. The district must maximize classroom teacher to learner average instructional contact time in the core subjects of reading and mathematics.
- Subd. 4. **Revenue use.** (a) Revenue must be used to reduce and maintain the district's average class size in kindergarten through grade 3 to a level of 17 to 1 on average in each of the respective grades.
- (b) A district must not increase the districtwide class sizes in other grades as a result of reducing class sizes in kindergarten through grade 3. Revenue may not be used to provide instructor preparation. A district may use a portion of the revenue reserved under this section to employ up to the same number of full-time equivalent education assistants or aides as the district employed during the 1992-1993 school year under Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 124.331, subdivision 2, through fiscal year 2002. Beginning in fiscal year 2003, class size reduction

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revenue may only be reserved to employ classroom teachers contributing to lower class sizes in kindergarten through grade 3.

- Subd. 5. **Additional revenue use.** If the board of a district determines that the district has achieved and is maintaining the class sizes specified in subdivision 4, the board may use the revenue to reduce class size in grades 4, 5, and 6, provide all-day, everyday kindergarten, prepare and use individualized learning plans, improve program offerings, purchase instructional material, services, or technology, or provide staff development needed for reduced class sizes.
- Subd. 6. **Annual report.** By December 1 of each year, districts receiving revenue under subdivision 1 shall make available to the public a report on the amount of revenue the district has received and the use of the revenue. This report shall be in the form and manner determined by the commissioner and shall include the district average class sizes in kindergarten through grade 6 as of October 1 of the current school year and the class sizes for each site serving kindergarten through grade 6 students in the district. A copy of the report shall be filed with the commissioner by December 15.

134.34 REGIONAL LIBRARY BASIC SYSTEM SUPPORT GRANTS; REQUIREMENTS.

Subdivision 1. **Local support levels.** (a) A regional library basic system support grant shall be made to any regional public library system where there are at least three participating counties and where each participating city and county is providing for public library service support the lesser of (a) an amount equivalent to .82 percent of the average of the adjusted net tax capacity of the taxable property of that city or county, as determined by the commissioner of revenue for the second, third, and fourth year preceding that calendar year or (b) a per capita amount calculated under the provisions of this subdivision. The per capita amount is established for calendar year 1993 as \$7.62. In succeeding calendar years, the per capita amount shall be increased by a percentage equal to one-half of the percentage by which the total state adjusted net tax capacity of property as determined by the commissioner of revenue for the second year preceding that calendar year increases over that total adjusted net tax capacity for the third year preceding that calendar year.

- (b) The minimum level of support specified under this subdivision or subdivision 4 shall be certified annually to the participating cities and counties by the Department of Education. If a city or county chooses to reduce its local support in accordance with subdivision 4, paragraph (b) or (c), it shall notify its regional public library system. The regional public library system shall notify the Department of Education that a revised certification is required. The revised minimum level of support shall be certified to the city or county by the Department of Education.
- (c) A city which is a part of a regional public library system shall not be required to provide this level of support if the property of that city is already taxable by the county for the support of that regional public library system. In no event shall the Department of Education require any city or county to provide a higher level of support than the level of support specified in this section in order for a system to qualify for a regional library basic system support grant. This section shall not be construed to prohibit a city or county from providing a higher level of support for public libraries than the level of support specified in this section.
- Subd. 3. **Regional designation.** Regional library basic system support grants shall be made only to those regional public library systems officially designated by the commissioner of education as the appropriate agency to strengthen, improve and promote public library services in the participating areas. The commissioner of education shall designate no more than one such regional public library system located entirely within any single development region existing under sections 462.381 to 462.398 or chapter 473.
- Subd. 4. **Limitation.** (a) For calendar year 2010 and later, a regional library basic system support grant shall not be made to a regional public library system for a participating city or county which decreases the dollar amount provided for support for operating purposes of public library service below the amount provided by it for the second, or third preceding year, whichever is less. For purposes of this subdivision and subdivision 1, any funds provided under section 473.757, subdivision 2, for extending library hours of operation shall not be considered amounts provided by a city or county for support for operating purposes of public library service. This subdivision shall not apply to participating cities or counties where the adjusted net tax capacity of that city or county has decreased, if the dollar amount of the reduction in support is not greater than the dollar amount by which support would be decreased if the reduction in support were made in direct proportion to the decrease in adjusted net tax capacity.
- (b) For calendar year 2009 and later, in any calendar year in which a city's or county's aid under sections 477A.011 to 477A.014 or credit reimbursement under section 273.1384 is

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reduced after the city or county has certified its levy payable in that year, it may reduce its local support by the lesser of:

- (1) ten percent; or
- (2) a percent equal to the ratio of the aid and credit reimbursement reductions to the city's or county's revenue base, based on aids certified for the current calendar year. For calendar year 2009 only, the reduction under this paragraph shall be based on 2008 aid and credit reimbursement reductions under the December 2008 unallotment, as well as any aid and credit reimbursement reductions in calendar year 2009. For pay 2009 only, the commissioner of revenue will calculate the reductions under this paragraph and certify them to the commissioner of education within 15 days of May 17, 2009.
- (c) For taxes payable in 2010 and later, in any payable year in which the total amounts certified for city or county aids under sections 477A.011 to 477A.014 are less than the total amounts paid under those sections in the previous calendar year, a city or county may reduce its local support by the lesser of:
 - (1) ten percent; or
 - (2) a percent equal to the ratio of:
- (i) the difference between (A) the sum of the aid it was paid under sections 477A.011 to 477A.014 and the credit reimbursement it received under section 273.1384 in the previous calendar year and (B) the sum of the aid it is certified to be paid in the current calendar year under sections 477A.011 to 477A.014 and the credit reimbursement estimated to be paid under section 273.1384; to
- (ii) its revenue base for the previous year, based on aids actually paid in the previous calendar year. The commissioner of revenue shall calculate the percent aid cut for each county and city under this paragraph and certify the percentage cuts to the commissioner of education by August 1 of the year prior to the year in which the reduced aids and credit reimbursements are to be paid. The percentage of reduction related to reductions to credit reimbursements under section 273.1384 shall be based on the best estimation available as of July 30.
- (d) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), (b), or (c), no city or county shall reduce its support for public libraries below the minimum level specified in subdivision 1.
 - (e) For purposes of this subdivision, "revenue base" means the sum of:
- (1) its levy for taxes payable in the current calendar year, including the levy on the fiscal disparities distribution under section 276A.06, subdivision 3, paragraph (a), or 473F.08, subdivision 3, paragraph (a);
 - (2) its aid under sections 477A.011 to 477A.014 in the current calendar year; and
 - (3) its taconite aid in the current calendar year under sections 298.28 and 298.282.
- Subd. 7. **Proposed budget.** In addition to the annual report required in section 134.13, a regional public system that receives a basic system support grant under this section must provide each participating county and city with its proposed budget for the next year.

326B.145 ANNUAL REPORT.

Each municipality shall annually report by June 30 to the department, in a format prescribed by the department, all construction and development-related fees collected by the municipality from developers, builders, and subcontractors if the cumulative fees collected exceeded \$5,000 in the reporting year, except that, for reports due June 30, 2009, to June 30, 2013, the reporting threshold is \$10,000. The report must include:

- (1) the number and valuation of units for which fees were paid;
- (2) the amount of building permit fees, plan review fees, administrative fees, engineering fees, infrastructure fees, and other construction and development-related fees; and
 - (3) the expenses associated with the municipal activities for which fees were collected.
- A municipality that fails to report to the department in accordance with this section is subject to the remedies provided by section 326B.082.

340A.403 3.2 PERCENT MALT LIQUOR LICENSES.

Subd. 4. **Notice to commissioner.** Within ten days of the issuance of a license under this section, a municipality shall inform the commissioner, on a form the commissioner prescribes, of the licensee's name and address and trade name, the effective date and expiration date of the license, and any other information on the license the commissioner requires.

382.265 CLERK HIRE IN CERTAIN COUNTIES.

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In all counties of this state where the amount of clerk hire now or hereafter provided by law for any county office shall be insufficient to meet the requirements of said office, the county officer in need of additional clerk hire shall prepare a petition and statement setting forth therein the amount of additional clerk hire needed and file the same with the county auditor, who shall present the same to the board of county commissioners at the next meeting of said board. If the board of county commissioners shall grant said petition by majority vote of all members elected to the board, then the amount of additional clerk hire requested in said petition shall thereupon become effective for said office. Said board shall act on any such petition within 60 days from the time it has been filed with the county auditor. If the board of county commissioners shall determine that the amount of additional clerk hire requested in said petition is excessive and more than is necessary for said office, it shall fix the amount of such additional clerk hire to be allowed, if any, and notify such officer thereof.

388.24 PRETRIAL DIVERSION PROGRAMS FOR JUVENILES.

- Subd. 4. **Reporting of data to Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.** Effective August 1, 1997, every county attorney who establishes a diversion program under this section shall report the following information to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension:
- (1) the name and date of birth of each diversion program participant and any other identifying information the superintendent considers necessary;
 - (2) the date on which the individual began to participate in the diversion program;
 - (3) the date on which the individual is expected to complete the diversion program;
- (4) the date on which the individual successfully completed the diversion program, where applicable; and
- (5) the date on which the individual was removed from the diversion program for failure to successfully complete the individual's goals, where applicable.

The superintendent shall cause the information described in this subdivision to be entered into and maintained in the criminal history file as defined in section 13.87.

395.14 SEED AND FEED LOANS.

Authority is granted to any county in the state to lend money to residents of the county who are citizens of the United States or resident aliens or who have declared their intention of becoming citizens of the United States, for the purpose of purchasing seed and feed for teams whenever there has been a total or partial failure of crops in the county, by reason of hail, flood, drought, fire, or other cause. Qualified residents must own, or hold under contract for deed, land previously under cultivation and cropped and in condition capable of being cropped during the ensuing year, but must be unable to procure seed for planting their land and feed for their teams while doing the planting and must be in imminent danger of losing their property. If not less than 25 resident landowners of the county, before March first next following the crop failure, present to the auditor of the county a petition signed by them asking that the county lend money to residents suffering by reason of the crop failure, for the purpose of purchasing seed and feed, the auditor shall receive and file the petition and at once call a meeting of the county board to consider the petition. The county board shall, on or before the second Monday in March, next following, meet and consider the petition and may enter an order that the county lend, from its general fund, sums as it deems necessary for the purpose; however, the amount shall not, with the existing indebtedness of the county, exceed the amount of indebtedness fixed by the laws of this state.

395.15 APPLICATIONS TO COUNTY AUDITOR.

Any resident freeholder of such county may apply for seed and feed or either of them, for personal use as follows: The freeholder shall file with the county auditor, on or before the second Monday in March, a verified written application therefor showing the following facts:

- (1) the freeholder's name, residence, and the places where the freeholder has resided during the past five years;
- (2) all lands owned or occupied by the freeholder and the freeholder's interest therein and the encumbrances, if any, thereon;
 - (3) all personal property owned by the freeholder and the encumbrances, if any, thereon;
- (4) the number of acres the freeholder seeded and harvested last year and the number of bushels of grain threshed therefrom;
- (5) the description of land desired to be prepared for crop and seed, its condition and number of acres plowed and unplowed;

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- (6) the number of horses and oxen owned by the freeholder and the encumbrances, if any, thereon;
- (7) the number of bushels and kind of seed desired and the number of bushels of feed required; and
 - (8) that the freeholder is poor and unable to procure seed or feed from any other source.

395.16 COUNTY BOARD; WHEN TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS.

The county auditor shall file and number the applications in the order received and call the county board to meet on the second Tuesday in March next following; and the board shall meet and consider these applications separately and in the order of their filing, and may grant such applications, in whole or in part, as appears to it just and proper. Not more than 200 bushels of wheat, or its equivalent in other seed, shall be furnished to any one person.

The county board is hereby granted authority, in its discretion, to direct the filing by the auditor of the petition provided for in section 395.14 after March 1st, and to receive applications for grain after the second Monday in March and to act upon such petition and application the same as if received prior to the respective dates provided in section 395.15.

The county board shall make an order specifying the names of persons and amounts allowed with the kind and quantities of seed and feed granted, and the county auditor shall issue and deliver to the applicant a warrant showing such allowance. Such warrant shall be for the purchase of such seed and feed and for no other purpose whatever, and shall be paid by the county treasurer only when there is endorsed on the back thereof a receipt signed by the applicant, acknowledging receipt by the applicant from some reputable person, of the seed and feed therein specified.

395.17 COUNTY AUDITOR AND COUNTY ATTORNEY TO COUNSEL BOARD.

The county auditor and county attorney are hereby required to attend all meetings of the county board provided in sections 395.14 to 395.24 and to carefully examine all applications filed under the provisions of sections 395.14 to 395.24 and shall give the board the benefit of all information they may have relative to the applicants, and shall counsel, advise, and assist the county board in the discharge of its duties under sections 395.14 to 395.24.

395.18 CONDITION OF CONTRACT.

The warrant provided for in section 395.16 shall not be delivered until the applicant shall have signed a contract in duplicate, attested by the county auditor, to the effect that the applicant, for and in consideration of the seed and feed specified received from the county, promises to pay to the county the amount allowed for the same, on or before the first day of October following, with interest at the rate of six percent per annum, that such amount shall be a first lien upon the crop raised from the seed and, in addition thereto, shall be taxable against the real property of the applicant for which seed and feed was furnished. The contract shall also contain a true description of the land upon which the applicant intends to and will sow and plant such seed, in due season next following, and shall specify that the written application shall be a part of this contract. The auditor shall forthwith record one of such duplicate contracts with the county recorder of the county, for which the applicant shall pay the required recording fee and file the other duplicate in the auditor's office.

395.19 COUNTY TO HAVE LIEN UPON CROPS.

Upon the filing of the contracts provided for in section 395.18, the county shall acquire a just and valid lien upon the crops of grain raised each year by the person receiving the seed or feed, for the amount owing to the county upon the contract, as against all creditors, purchasers, or mortgagees, whether in good faith, or otherwise, and the filing of the contract shall be held and considered to be full and sufficient notice to all parties of the existence and extent of the lien, which shall continue in force until the amount covered by the contract is fully paid.

395.20 INDEBTEDNESS DUE OCTOBER 1, RATE OF INTEREST.

The amount of such indebtedness upon such contracts shall become due and payable on the first day of October in the year in which the seed or feed, or both, is furnished, together with interest on such amount from the date of the warrants issued therefor, at the rate of six percent per annum; and, if the indebtedness be not paid on or before the first day of November of that year it

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shall then be the duty of the auditor of the county to cause the amount of the indebtedness to be entered upon the tax list of the county, as a tax against the land owned by the applicant for whom the aid was furnished, to be collected as other taxes are collected under the laws of this state.

395.21 MARKETING OF GRAIN.

Each and every person who has received seed or feed, or both, under the provisions of sections 395.14 to 395.24, shall, as soon as crops for the year wherein payment is to be made are harvested and threshed, market a sufficient amount of grain to pay the amount then due on the contract and pay the same over to the auditor of the county.

395.22 PENALTY FOR VIOLATION.

Any person who shall, contrary to the provisions of sections 395.14 to 395.24, sell, transfer, take, or carry away, or in any manner dispose of, the seed or feed, or any part thereof, furnished by the county under sections 395.14 to 395.24 or shall use or dispose of such seed or feed, or any part thereof, for any other purpose than that of planting or sowing with same as stated in the application and contract, or shall sell, transfer, take, or carry away, or in any manner dispose of, the crop or any part thereof, produced from the sowing or planting of such seed, before the same is paid for, is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall pay all the costs of prosecution, and whoever under any of the provisions of sections 395.14 to 395.24 shall be found guilty of false swearing shall be deemed to have committed perjury and shall upon conviction suffer the pains and penalties of that crime. Upon the recording of the contract in the office of the county recorder, and the sowing of the seed obtained therefor, the title and right of possession to the growing crop and to the grain produced from the seed shall be in the county which shall have furnished the seed until the debt incurred for such seed or feed, shall have been paid, and any seizure thereof or interference therewith except by the applicant and those in the applicant's employ, for the purpose of harvesting, threshing, and marketing the same to pay such debt, shall be deemed a conversion thereof and treble damages may be recovered against the person so converting the same by the county furnishing such seed and feed.

395.23 DUTIES OF POLICE OFFICERS.

It shall be the duty of the town clerk of a town and the members of the county board, sheriff, and county attorneys of any county furnishing seed or feed, having any knowledge of the violation of the provisions of sections 395.14 to 395.24, to file a complaint with a district court. The court shall issue a warrant for the arrest of the offender, and proceed to hear and determine the matter or to bind the offender over to appear before the grand jury, as the case may be.

395.24 PRO RATA DISTRIBUTION.

If more seed grain is applied for than can be supplied by the county board, a pro rata distribution shall be made by it among those who shall have been found entitled to the benefits of sections 395.14 to 395.24. The board shall have the right to refuse any application which it may deem improper to grant, and may revise their adjustment of applications at any time before final distribution.

471.6161 GROUP INSURANCE; GOVERNMENTAL UNITS.

Subd. 5. **Collective bargaining.** The aggregate value of benefits provided by a group insurance contract for employees covered by a collective agreement shall not be reduced, unless the public employer and exclusive representative of the employees of an appropriate bargaining unit, certified under section 179A.12, agree to a reduction in benefits.

471.661 OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL.

The governing body of each statutory or home rule charter city, county, school district, regional agency, or other political subdivision, except a town, must have on record a policy that controls travel outside the state of Minnesota for the applicable elected officials of the relevant unit of government. The policy must be approved by a recorded vote and specify:

- (1) when travel outside the state is appropriate;
- (2) applicable expense limits; and
- (3) procedures for approval of the travel.

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The policy must be made available for public inspection upon request. Subsequent changes to the policy must be approved by a recorded vote.

471.991 DEFINITIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Terms.** For the purposes of Laws 1984, chapter 651, the following terms have the meanings given them.

- Subd. 2. **Balanced class.** "Balanced class" means any class in which no more than 80 percent of the members are male and no more than 70 percent of the members are female.
- Subd. 3. **Comparable work value.** "Comparable work value" means the value of work measured by the skill, effort, responsibility, and working conditions normally required in the performance of the work.
- Subd. 4. **Class.** "Class" means one or more positions that have similar duties, responsibilities, and general qualifications necessary to perform the duties, with comparable selection procedures used to recruit employees, and use of the same compensation schedule.
- Subd. 5. **Equitable compensation relationship.** "Equitable compensation relationship" means that the compensation for female-dominated classes is not consistently below the compensation for male-dominated classes of comparable work value, as determined under section 471.994, within the political subdivision.
- Subd. 6. **Female-dominated class.** "Female-dominated class" means any class in which 70 percent or more of the members are female.
- Subd. 7. **Male-dominated class.** "Male-dominated class" means any class in which 80 percent or more of the members are male.
- Subd. 8. **Position.** "Position" means a group of current duties and responsibilities assigned or delegated by a supervisor to an individual.

471.992 EQUITABLE COMPENSATION RELATIONSHIPS.

Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** Subject to sections 179A.01 to 179A.25 and sections 177.41 to 177.44 but notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, every political subdivision of this state shall establish equitable compensation relationships between female-dominated, male-dominated, and balanced classes of employees in order to eliminate sex-based wage disparities in public employment in this state. A primary consideration in negotiating, establishing, recommending, and approving compensation is comparable work value in relationship to other employee positions within the political subdivision. This law may not be construed to limit the ability of the parties to collectively bargain in good faith.

- Subd. 2. **Arbitration.** In all interest arbitration involving a class other than a balanced class held under sections 179A.01 to 179A.25, the arbitrator shall consider the equitable compensation relationship standards established in this section and the standards established under section 471.993, together with other standards appropriate to interest arbitration. The arbitrator shall consider both the results of a job evaluation study and any employee objections to the study. In interest arbitration for a balanced class, the arbitrator may consider the standards established under this section and the results of, and any employee objections to, a job evaluation study, but shall also consider similar or like classifications in other political subdivisions.
- Subd. 4. **Collective bargaining.** In collective bargaining for a balanced class, the parties may consider the equitable compensation relationship standards established by this section and the results of a job evaluation study, but shall also consider similar or like classifications in other political subdivisions.

471.993 COMPENSATION RELATIONSHIPS OF POSITIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Assurance of reasonable relationship.** In preparing management negotiation positions for compensation established through collective bargaining under chapter 179A and in establishing, recommending, and approving compensation plans for employees of political subdivisions not represented by an exclusive representative under chapter 179A, the respective political subdivision as the public employer, as defined in section 179A.03, subdivision 15, or, where appropriate, the Minnesota Merit System, shall assure that:

- (1) compensation for positions in the classified civil service, unclassified civil service, and management bear reasonable relationship to one another;
- (2) compensation for positions bear reasonable relationship to similar positions outside of that particular political subdivision's employment; and

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- (3) compensation for positions within the employer's work force bear reasonable relationship among related job classes and among various levels within the same occupational group.
- Subd. 2. **Reasonable relationship defined.** For purposes of subdivision 1, compensation for positions bear "reasonable relationship" to one another if:
- (1) the compensation for positions which require comparable skill, effort, responsibility, working conditions, and other relevant work-related criteria is comparable; and
- (2) the compensation for positions which require differing skill, effort, responsibility, working conditions, and other relevant work-related criteria is proportional to the skill, effort, responsibility, working conditions, and other relevant work-related criteria required.

471.994 JOB EVALUATION SYSTEM.

Every political subdivision shall use a job evaluation system in order to determine the comparable work value of the work performed by each class of its employees. The system must be maintained and updated to account for new employee classes and any changes in factors affecting the comparable work value of existing classes. A political subdivision that substantially modifies its job evaluation system or adopts a new system shall notify the commissioner. The political subdivision may use the system of some other public employer in the state. Each political subdivision shall meet and confer with the exclusive representatives of their employees on the development or selection of a job evaluation system.

471.995 REPORT AVAILABILITY.

Notwithstanding section 13.37, every political subdivision shall submit a report containing the results of the job evaluation system to the exclusive representatives of their employees to be used by both parties in contract negotiations. At a minimum, the report to each exclusive representative shall identify the female-dominated classes in the political subdivision for which compensation inequity exists, based on the comparable work value, and all data not on individuals used to support these findings.

471.9966 EFFECT ON OTHER LAW.

Notwithstanding section 179A.13, subdivision 2, it is not an unfair labor practice for a political subdivision to specify an amount of funds to be used solely to correct inequitable compensation relationships. A political subdivision may specify an amount of funds to be used for general salary increases. The provisions of sections 471.991 to 471.999 do not diminish a political subdivision's duty to bargain in good faith under chapter 179A or sections 179.35 to 179.39.

471.997 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT, EVIDENCE.

The commissioner of human rights or any state court may use as evidence the results of any job evaluation system established under section 471.994 and the reports compiled under section 471.995 in any proceeding or action alleging discrimination.

471.9981 COUNTIES AND CITIES; PAY EQUITY COMPLIANCE.

Subd. 5a. **Implementation report.** By January 31, 1992, each political subdivision shall submit to the commissioner an implementation report that includes the following information as of December 31, 1991:

- (1) a list of all job classes in the political subdivision;
- (2) the number of employees in each class;
- (3) the number of female employees in each class;
- (4) an identification of each class as male-dominated, female-dominated, or balanced as defined in section 471.991;
- (5) the comparable work value of each class as determined by the job evaluation used by the subdivision in accordance with section 471.994;
- (6) the minimum and maximum salary for each class, if salary ranges have been established, and the amount of time in employment required to qualify for the maximum;
- (7) any additional cash compensation, such as bonuses or lump-sum payments, paid to the members of a class; and
 - (8) any other information requested by the commissioner.

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If a subdivision fails to submit a report, the commissioner shall find the subdivision not in compliance with subdivision 6 and shall impose the penalty prescribed by that subdivision.

- Subd. 5b. **Public data.** The implementation report required by subdivision 5a is public data governed by chapter 13.
- Subd. 6. **Penalty for failure to implement plan.** (a) The commissioner of management and budget shall review the implementation report submitted by a governmental subdivision to determine whether the subdivision has established equitable compensation relationships as required by section 471.992, subdivision 1, by December 31, 1991, or the later date approved by the commissioner. The commissioner shall notify a subdivision found to have achieved compliance with section 471.992, subdivision 1.
- (b) If the commissioner finds that the subdivision is not in compliance based on the information contained in the implementation report required by section 471.9981, subdivision 5a, the commissioner shall notify the subdivision of the basis for the finding. The notice must include a detailed description of the basis for the finding, specific recommended actions to achieve compliance, and an estimated cost of compliance. If the subdivision disagrees with the finding, it shall notify the commissioner, who shall provide a specified time period in which to submit additional evidence in support of its claim that it is in compliance. The commissioner shall consider at least the following additional information in reconsidering whether the subdivision is in compliance:
 - (1) recruitment difficulties;
 - (2) retention difficulties;
- (3) recent arbitration awards that are inconsistent with equitable compensation relationships; and
- (4) information that can demonstrate a good faith effort to achieve compliance and continued progress toward compliance, including any constraints the subdivision faces. The subdivision shall also present a plan for achieving compliance and a date for additional review by the commissioner.
- (c) If the subdivision does not make the changes to achieve compliance within a reasonable time set by the commissioner, the commissioner shall notify the subdivision and the commissioner of revenue that the subdivision is subject to a five percent reduction in the aid that would otherwise be payable to that governmental subdivision under section 126C.13, 273.1398, or sections 477A.011 to 477A.014, or to a fine of \$100 a day, whichever is greatest. The commissioner of revenue shall enforce the penalty beginning in calendar year 1992 or in the first calendar year beginning after the date for implementation of the plan of a governmental subdivision for which the commissioner of employee relations has approved an implementation date later than December 31, 1991. However, the commissioner of revenue may not enforce a penalty until after the end of the first regular legislative session after a report listing the subdivision as not in compliance has been submitted to the legislature under section 471.999. The penalty remains in effect until the subdivision achieves compliance. The commissioner of management and budget may suspend the penalty upon making a finding that the failure to implement was attributable to circumstances beyond the control of the governmental subdivision or to severe hardship, or that noncompliance results from factors unrelated to the sex of the members dominating the affected classes and that the subdivision is taking substantial steps to achieve compliance to the extent possible.
- Subd. 7. **Appeal.** A governmental subdivision may appeal the imposition of a penalty under subdivision 6 by filing a notice of appeal with the commissioner of management and budget within 30 days of the commissioner's notification to the subdivision of the penalty. An appeal must be heard as a contested case under sections 14.57 to 14.62. No penalty may be imposed while an appeal is pending.

471.999 REPORT TO LEGISLATURE.

The commissioner of management and budget shall report to the legislature by January 1 of each year on the status of compliance with section 471.992, subdivision 1, by governmental subdivisions.

The report must include a list of the political subdivisions in compliance with section 471.992, subdivision 1, and the estimated cost of compliance. The report must also include a list of political subdivisions found by the commissioner to be not in compliance, the basis for that finding, recommended changes to achieve compliance, estimated cost of compliance, and recommended penalties, if any. The commissioner's report must include a list of subdivisions that did not comply with the reporting requirements of this section. The commissioner may request, and a subdivision shall provide, any additional information needed for the preparation of a report under this subdivision.

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Notwithstanding any rule to the contrary, beginning in 2005, a political subdivision must report on its compliance with the requirements of sections 471.991 to 471.999 no more frequently than once every three years. No report from a political subdivision is required for 2003 and 2004.

626.8458 VEHICLE PURSUITS; POLICIES AND INSTRUCTION REQUIRED.

Subd. 5. **In-service training in police pursuits required.** The chief law enforcement officer of every state and local law enforcement agency shall provide in-service training in emergency vehicle operations and in the conduct of police pursuits to every peace officer and part-time peace officer employed by the agency who the chief law enforcement officer determines may be involved in a police pursuit given the officer's responsibilities. The training shall comply with learning objectives developed and approved by the board and shall consist of at least eight hours of classroom and skills-based training every four years.

626.8468 PART-TIME PEACE OFFICERS; CAP ON NUMBER PER AGENCY; EXPANDED TRAINING REQUIRED; CONTINUING EDUCATION.

Subdivision 1. Cap on number of part-time peace officers per agency. (a) A law enforcement agency that employed a licensed part-time peace officer or that was in the process of training an individual to become a licensed part-time peace officer on or before February 1, 1999, may continue to do so. No agency may employ more part-time peace officers than it employed in calendar year 1996, 1997, or 1998, except the State Fair Police Department may employ up to 15 licensed part-time peace officers.

- (b) After January 1, 2000, the board may issue additional part-time peace officer licenses to a law enforcement agency that employs a part-time peace officer and that demonstrates to the board an extraordinary and temporary need for the additional license.
- (c) If a local unit of government dissolves a law enforcement agency that employs a part-time peace officer authorized under this subdivision and contracts with another law enforcement agency to provide law enforcement services, the law enforcement agency contracted with may add that number of part-time positions to the agency's maximum under this subdivision if the agency hires or offers employment to all full-time peace officers employed by the dissolved agency at the time of dissolution. The employment offered must be of comparable responsibility and salary.

626A.17 REPORT CONCERNING INTERCEPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Reports and transmittal of documents to state court administrator.** Within 30 days after the expiration of an order granting or denying an application under this chapter, or each extension thereof, or the denial of an order approving an interception or the use of a pen register, trap and trace device, or mobile tracking device, the issuing or denying judge shall report to the state court administrator:

- (1) the fact that an order or extension was applied for;
- (2) the kind of order or extension applied for;
- (3) the fact that the order or extension was granted as applied for, was modified, or was denied;
- (4) the period of interceptions or use of a pen register, trap and trace device, or mobile tracking device authorized by the order, and the number and duration of any extensions of the order;
 - (5) the offense specified in the order or application, or extension of an order;
- (6) the identity of the applying investigative or law enforcement officer and agency making the application and the person authorizing the application; and
- (7) the nature of the facilities from which or the place where communications were to be intercepted or activity under the order was to be carried out.
- Subd. 2. **Report by county attorney.** No later than January 15 of each year each county attorney shall report to the state court administrator:
- (1) with respect to each application for an order or extension made during the preceding year:
 - (i) the fact that an order or extension was applied for;
 - (ii) the kind of order or extension applied for;
- (iii) the fact that the order or extension was granted as applied for, was modified, or was denied;

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- (iv) the period of interceptions or use of a pen register, trap and trace device, or mobile tracking device authorized by the order, and the number and duration of any extensions of the order;
 - (v) the offense specified in the order or application, or extension of an order;
- (vi) the identity of the applying investigative or law enforcement officer and agency making the application and the person authorizing the application; and
- (vii) the nature of the facilities from which or the place where communications were to be intercepted or activity under the order was to be carried out;
- (2) a general description of the interceptions made or information obtained under such order or extension, including (i) the approximate nature and frequency of incriminating communications intercepted or evidence obtained, (ii) the approximate nature and frequency of other communications intercepted, (iii) the approximate number of persons whose communications were intercepted or whose activities were monitored, and (iv) the approximate nature, amount, and cost of the personnel and other resources used in the interceptions or the use of the pen register, trap and trace device, or mobile tracking device;
- (3) the number of arrests resulting from interceptions made or activity conducted under such order or extension, and the offenses for which arrests were made;
 - (4) the number of trials resulting from such interceptions or activity;
- (5) the number of motions to suppress made with respect to such interceptions or activity, and the number granted or denied;
- (6) the number of convictions resulting from such interceptions or activity and the offenses for which the convictions were obtained and a general assessment of the importance of the interceptions or activity; and
- (7) the information required by clauses (2) to (6) with respect to orders or extensions obtained in a preceding calendar year.
- Subd. 3. **Report to legislature by state court administrator.** On or before November 15 of each even-numbered year, the state court administrator shall transmit to the legislature a report concerning (1) all warrants and orders authorizing the interception of communications and the use of a pen register, trap and trace device, mobile tracking device, or other electronic or mechanical device during the two previous calendar years and (2) all applications that were denied during the two previous calendar years. Each report shall include a summary and analysis of the data required to be filed under this section. The report is public and must be available for public inspection at the Legislative Reference Library and the state court administrator's office.