

**116J.035 POWERS OF COMMISSIONER; RULES.**

Subdivision 1. **Powers.** (a) The commissioner may:

(1) apply for, receive, and expend money from municipal, county, regional, and other government agencies;

(2) apply for, accept, and disburse grants and other aids from other public or private sources;

(3) contract for professional services if such work or services cannot be satisfactorily performed by employees of the department or by any other state agency;

(4) enter into interstate compacts to jointly carry out such research and planning with other states or the federal government where appropriate;

(5) distribute informational material at no cost to the public upon reasonable request; and

(6) enter into contracts necessary for the performance of the commissioner's duties with federal, state, regional, metropolitan, local, and other agencies or units of government; educational institutions, including the University of Minnesota. Contracts made pursuant to this section shall not be subject to the competitive bidding requirements of chapter 16C.

(b) The commissioner may apply for, receive, and expend money made available from federal or other sources for the purpose of carrying out the duties and responsibilities of the commissioner pursuant to this chapter.

(c) All moneys received by the commissioner pursuant to this chapter shall be deposited in the state treasury and, subject to section 3.3005, are appropriated to the commissioner for the purpose for which the moneys have been received. The money shall not cancel and shall be available until expended.

Subd. 1a. **Promotional contracts.** In order to best carry out duties and responsibilities and to serve the people of the state in the promotion of tourism, trade, and economic development, the commissioner may engage in programs and projects jointly with a private person, firm, corporation or association and may enter into contracts under terms to be mutually agreed upon to carry out such programs and projects not including acquisition of land or buildings. Contracts may be negotiated and are not subject to the provisions of chapter 16C relating to competitive bidding.

Subd. 2. **Rules.** The commissioner may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 14 as necessary to carry out the commissioner's duties and responsibilities.

Subd. 3. [Repealed, 1987 c 403 art 2 s 164]

Subd. 4. **Delegation of powers.** The commissioner may delegate, in written orders filed with the secretary of state, any powers or duties subject to the commissioner's control to officers and employees in the department. Regardless of any other law, the commissioner may delegate the execution of specific contracts or specific types of contracts to the commissioner's deputies, an assistant commissioner, or a program director if the delegation has been approved by the commissioner of administration and filed with the secretary of state.

Subd. 5. **Demonstration projects.** The commissioner may conduct and administer demonstration projects to test methods and procedures for providing employment and training services. The demonstration must provide new methods and procedures of administration and must not conflict with the basic purposes, coverage, or benefits provided by law. No demonstration project authorized by this section is effective until any required approval by a federal agency is

obtained and the comprehensive plan, including the estimated project costs, is filed with the commissioner of administration.

**Subd. 6. Receipt of gifts, money; appropriation.** (a) The commissioner may:

(1) apply for, accept, and disburse gifts, bequests, grants, payments for services, loans, or other property from the United States, the state, private foundations, or any other source;

(2) enter into an agreement required for the gifts, grants, or loans; and

(3) hold, use, and dispose of its assets according to the terms of the gift, grant, loan, or agreement.

(b) Money received by the commissioner under this subdivision must be deposited in a separate account in the state treasury and invested by the State Board of Investment. The amount deposited, including investment earnings, is appropriated to the commissioner to carry out duties under this section.

**Subd. 7. Monitoring pass-through grant recipients.** The commissioner shall monitor the activities and outcomes of programs and services funded by legislative appropriations and administered by the department on a pass-through basis. Unless amounts are otherwise appropriated for administrative costs, the commissioner may retain up to five percent of the amount appropriated to the department for grants to pass-through entities. Amounts retained are deposited to a special revenue account and are appropriated to the commissioner for costs incurred in administering and monitoring the pass-through grants.

**History:** 1984 c 604 s 2; 1Sp1985 c 14 art 9 s 4,39,40; 1986 c 444; 1987 c 403 art 2 s 129,130; art 3 s 50; 1989 c 282 art 5 s 123,124; 1990 c 571 s 42; 1990 c 589 art 1 s 2; 1994 c 483 s 1; 1995 c 186 s 34; 1995 c 248 art 11 s 19; 1995 c 259 art 1 s 40; 1996 c 339 s 2,3; 1997 c 7 art 5 s 34; 1997 c 66 s 80; 1997 c 85 art 4 s 26; 1997 c 245 art 4 s 6; 1998 c 265 s 2; 1998 c 366 s 65; 1998 c 386 art 2 s 33; 1999 c 107 s 66; 1999 c 159 s 119; 2000 c 343 s 4; 2001 c 79 s 3; 2001 c 175 s 52; 1Sp2001 c 9 art 10 s 61; 2002 c 379 art 1 s 113; 1Sp2003 c 14 art 1 s 106; 2004 c 206 s 11,40,52; 1947 c 587 s 6; 1967 c 299 s 5; 1981 c 356 s 248; 1986 c 444; 1987 c 312 art 1 s 16; 1998 c 386 art 2 s 35; 2009 c 78 art 2 s 4,5,43; 1Sp2011 c 4 art 2 s 1