

H.F. No. 62 – Public Employment Relations Board

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Pursuant to Rule 45, the House bill (H.F. 62), being identical to the Senate bill companion (S.F. 303) was substituted for the Senate bill.

Section 1. Access by labor organizations, Bureau of Mediation Services, Public Employment Relations Board. [§ 13.43, subd. 6] Amends the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act to allow the Public Employment Relations Board (PERB) access to personnel data if the responsible authority determines it is necessary or as ordered by the Bureau of Mediation Services or the PERB.

Section 2. Public Employment Relations Board Data. [§ 13.7909] Adds a new provision to the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act classifying data maintained by the PERB related to an unfair labor practice charge, complaint, or appeal protected nonpublic or confidential data that may be subject to protective order. Makes other types of data related to the PERB public data, including the: (1) filing date of an unfair labor charge; (2) status of an unfair labor charge; (3) name and job class of the charging and charged party; (4) alleged provision of law violated; (5) complaint issued by the PERB and all data in the complaint; and (6) unless subject to a protective order, the full and complete record of an evidentiary hearing on the charge; recommended decisions and orders; exceptions to a recommended decision and order; briefs filed with the PERB; and decisions and orders issued by the PERB. Also, allows individuals to access their own statements made to the PERB. Permits the PERB to grant access to protected nonpublic or confidential data if it would aid in implementing chapters 179 and 179A.

Section 3. Open Meeting Law; excpetions. [§ 179A.041, subd. 10] Provides that open meeting laws do not apply to certain meetings of the PERB, including those deliberating the merits of unfair labor charges, reviewing a recommended decision and order of a hearing officer, or reviewing decisions relating to unfair labor practices.

Section 4. Appropriations. Appropriates ongoing general fund money for the purposes of the PERB.