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RE: Report on Rules

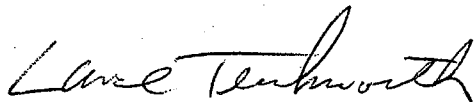
This is in response to your request for a report on rules, as mandated by 2000 Minnesota Laws, Chapter 469, Section 4, Subd. 1 (Minn. Stat. 14.3691, Subd. 1).

The Bureau does not recommend repealing any of our current rules. These rules should remain in effect to allow the Bureau to carry out the legislative directives found in the Public Employment Labor Relations Act (Minn. Stat. 179A.01 – 179A.30) and the Minnesota Labor Relations Act (Minn. Stat. 179.01 – 179.85).

We are working on a revision of the rules covering independent review (7315.400-7315.2200). These particular rules govern requests for independent review of public employee grievances where no other neutral review forum is available. Said rules were previously administered by the Public Employee Relations Board (PERB) which was abolished in 1992. A recent Court of Appeals ruling established that these rules should be updated by abolishing references to PERB and incorporating current BMS procedures.

If I can be of any further assistance, please contact me at 651-649-5433, or e-mail at lance.teachworth@state.mn.us. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Lance Teachworth
Commissioner

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