

217.17 **ARTICLE 10**217.18 **BUREAU OF MEDIATION SERVICES**

217.19 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 13.43, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

217.20 Subd. 6. **Access by labor organizations, the Bureau of Mediation Services,**

217.21 **and the Public Employment Relations Board.** Personnel data may be disseminated to

217.22 labor organizations and the Public Employment Relations Board to the extent that the

217.23 responsible authority determines that the dissemination is necessary to conduct elections,

217.24 notify employees of fair share fee assessments, and implement the provisions of chapters

217.25 179 and 179A. Personnel data shall be disseminated to labor organizations, the Public

217.26 Employment Relations Board, and to the Bureau of Mediation Services to the extent the

217.27 dissemination is ordered or authorized by the commissioner of the Bureau of Mediation

217.28 Services, or the Public Employment Relations Board or its designee.

217.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2015.

217.30 Sec. 2. **[13.7909] PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS BOARD DATA.**

218.1 Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For purposes of this section, "board" means the Public

218.2 Employment Relations Board.

218.3 Subd. 2. **Not public data.** (a) Except as provided in this subdivision, all data

218.4 maintained by the board about a charge or complaint of unfair labor practices and

218.5 appeals of determinations of the commissioner under section 179A.12, subdivision 11,

218.6 are classified as protected nonpublic data or confidential data, and become public when

218.7 admitted into evidence at a hearing conducted pursuant to section 179A.13. The data may

218.8 be subject to a protective order as determined by the board or a hearing officer.

218.9 (b) Notwithstanding sections 13.43 and 181.932, the following data are public:

218.10 (1) the filing date of unfair labor practice charges;

218.11 (2) the status of unfair labor practice charges as an original or amended charge;

218.12 (3) the names and job classifications of charging parties and charged parties;

218.13 (4) the provisions of law alleged to have been violated in unfair labor practice charges;

218.14 (5) the complaint issued by the board and all data in the complaint;

218.15 (6) the full and complete record of an evidentiary hearing before a hearing officer,

218.16 including the hearing transcript, exhibits admitted into evidence, and posthearing briefs,

218.17 unless subject to a protective order;

218.18 (7) recommended decisions and orders of hearing officers pursuant to section

218.19 179A.13, subdivision 1, paragraph (i);

- 218.20 (8) exceptions to the hearing officer's recommended decision and order filed with the
218.21 board pursuant to section 179A.13, subdivision 1, paragraph (k);
- 218.22 (9) briefs filed with the board; and
- 218.23 (10) decisions and orders issued by the board.
- 218.24 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), individuals have access to their own statements
218.25 provided to the board under paragraph (a).
- 218.26 (d) The board may make any data classified as protected nonpublic or confidential
218.27 pursuant to this subdivision accessible to any person or party if the access will aid the
218.28 implementation of chapters 179 and 179A or ensure due process protection of the parties.
- 218.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2015.
- 218.30 Sec. 3. **[179.851] LABOR-MANAGEMENT STAKEHOLDER COORDINATION.**
- 218.31 The commissioner of mediation services shall work with labor-management
218.32 stakeholders, including representatives from existing labor organizations and management
218.33 from existing companies or organizations, to foster mutual understanding and provide
218.34 input on the development of collaborative programs and services designed to improve
218.35 labor-management relations in both public and private sector organizations throughout
219.1 Minnesota. The commissioner may convene informal working groups to provide
219.2 information and assistance and to develop recommendations.
- 219.3 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 179A.041, is amended by adding a
219.4 subdivision to read:
- 219.5 Subd. 10. **Open meetings.** Chapter 13D does not apply to meetings of the board
219.6 when it is deliberating on the merits of unfair labor practice charges under sections
219.7 179.11, 179.12, and 179A.13; reviewing a recommended decision and order of a hearing
219.8 officer under section 179A.13; reviewing decisions of the commissioner of the Bureau of
219.9 Mediation Services relating to unfair labor practices under section 179A.12, subdivision
219.10 11; or exercising its hiring authority under section 179A.041.
- 219.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.
- 219.12 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 179A.041, is amended by adding a
219.13 subdivision to read:
- 219.14 Subd. 11. **Report.** The board shall prepare and submit a report to the governor
219.15 and the chairs and ranking minority members of the committees with jurisdiction over
219.16 the board by November 15, 2016. The report shall summarize the nature, number, and
219.17 resolution of charges filed with the board. The report shall cover the period of July
219.18 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016.

219.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2015.