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## Overview

Creates a new section of law governing the state employees combined charities campaign, and repeals the existing law on this topic.

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- 1 **Cross-reference.** Changes cross-reference in accordance with the substantive changes made by this bill.
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- 3 State Employee Combined Charities Campaign.
  - **Subd. 1. Definitions.** Defines terms used in this section, including "registered combined charitable organization" and "charitable agency."
  - **Subd. 2. Registration.** Requires a federated funding organization to apply to the commissioner of employee relations by March 1 to be eligible to participate in the state employee combined charities campaign. Specifies material that must accompany an application. Requires the commissioner to register or not register the application and notify the organization by May 1. Provides an appeal process for an organization whose application is denied. Provides that only approved organizations may participate in the state employee combined charities campaign, and that only contributions to approved organizations may be deducted from a state employee's

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**Subd. 3. Related organizations.** Prohibits two federated funding campaigns that are related organizations from participating simultaneously in the state employee combined charities campaign. The definition of "related organization" used in the bill as is follows:

"Related organization" means an organization that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, another corporation. Control exists if an organization:

- (1) owns, directly or indirectly, at least 50 percent of the stock ownership or membership interests of another organization;
- (2) has the right, directly or indirectly, to elect, appoint, or remove 50 percent or more of the voting members of the governing body of another organization; or
- (3) has the power, directly or indirectly, to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of another organization, whether through the ownership of voting interests, by contract, or otherwise.
- **Subd. 4. Optional designations.** Authorizes a registered combined charitable organization to allow a state employee to designate that money be distributed to any charitable agency, whether or not the agency receives funds from the single, annual consolidate effort.
- **Repealer.** Repeals section 309.501, the current law governing the state employee combined charities campaign.