

Subject Public Employment Relations Board data

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Overview

The law governing the Public Employment Relations Board [PERB] was enacted in 2014, with a mandate of hearing unfair labor practice charges under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 179A (Public employment labor relations). Before 2014, such charges were brought to district court. Later enacted laws delayed the date which PERB could begin hearing these charges, most recently until July 1, 2020. Until that date parties can continue to bring unfair labor practices charges to district court.

This bill addresses treatment of data accessed and maintained by PERB under the Minnesota Government Data Practices act, as well as treatment of PERB meetings under Minnesota's open meeting law.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>Access by labor organizations, Bureau of Mediation Services, Public Employment Relations Board [§ 13.43, subd. 6]</p> <p>Allows PERB access to personnel data under the Government Data Practices Act to the same extent, and for the same purposes, as given to labor organizations and the Bureau of Mediation Services under current law.</p>
2	<p>Public Employment Relations Board data [§ 13.7909]</p> <p>Makes all data maintained by PERB nonpublic data under the Government Data Practices Act, with listed exceptions. Allows PERB to disclose otherwise nonpublic or confidential data if doing so would aid in the implementation of chapters 179 or 179a or would ensure due process protections of parties before PERB.</p>
3	<p>Open meetings [§ 179A.041, subd. 10]</p> <p>Exempts PERB from chapter 13D, the open meeting law, when the board is deliberating decisions, reviewing recommended decisions, or hiring employees.</p>

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4	Effective date. Changes the effective date for substantive portions of the PERB from July 2020, to January 2020.
5	Appropriations Appropriates \$435,000 in fiscal year 2020 and 2021 for PERB operations.



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