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H. F. No. **2364**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Elections Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to labor negotiation; requiring open meetings; proposing coding for new
1.3 law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 179A; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2014,
1.4 section 179A.14, subdivision 3.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. [179A.165] LABOR NEGOTIATION, MEDIATION, AND
1.7 ARBITRATION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

1.8 (a) All negotiations between a representative of a public employer and the exclusive
1.9 representative of a labor organization must be open to the public. All meetings involving a
1.10 representative of a public employer, the exclusive representative of a labor organization,
1.11 and any labor arbitrator, mediator, or similar labor dispute meeting facilitator must be
1.12 open to the public.

1.13 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a meeting may be closed to the public for the
1.14 specific purpose of receiving information about a specific employee, when the information
1.15 has a direct bearing on the issues being negotiated, arbitrated, or mediated, and the release
1.16 of that information would violate the employee's reasonable expectation of privacy.

1.17 (c) For any public meeting under this section, any printed materials shared between
1.18 the parties to the meeting must be made available to members of the public during or
1.19 prior to the meeting.

1.20 (d) For any public meeting under this section, public employers must follow the
1.21 notification procedures for special meetings of public bodies under section 13D.04,
1.22 subdivision 2. In addition, public employers must post notice of the public meeting on the
1.23 home page of the public employer's Web site at least four days in advance of the meeting.

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- Sec. 2. **REPEALER.**
- 2.2
- Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 179A.14, subdivision 3, is repealed.

APPENDIX
Repealed Minnesota Statutes: 15-4397

179A.14 NEGOTIATION PROCEDURES.

Subd. 3. **Public meetings.** All negotiations, mediation sessions, and hearings between public employers and public employees or their respective representatives are public meetings except when otherwise provided by the commissioner.