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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Higher Education Finance and Policy

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to higher education; permitting nonconsecutive extended leaves of absence
1.3 for MnSCU teachers; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 136F.43,
1.4 subdivision 2.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 136F.43, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2. **Granting authority.** The board may grant an extended leave of absence without
1.8 salary to a full-time teacher who has been employed by the board for at least five years and
1.9 has at least ten years of allowable service in one or a combination of the retirement plans
1.10 specified in subdivision 1. The maximum duration of an extended leave of absence pursuant
1.11 to this section shall be determined by mutual agreement of the board and the teacher at the
1.12 time the leave is granted and shall be at least three but no more than five years. The leave
1.13 may be taken in nonconsecutive years. An extended leave of absence under this section
1.14 shall be taken by mutual consent of the board and the teacher. No teacher may receive more
1.15 than one leave of absence under this section.

1.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from July 1, 2006. Any
1.17 nonconsecutive leave of absence occurring between July 1, 2006, and June 30, 2018, may
1.18 be reclassified by mutual consent of the board and the teacher.