

Bill to Abolish Department of Employee Relations HF548 and SF0471

The legislation creating the merger was passed in 2007 in the Omnibus State Government Finance bill that was Chapter 148 or House File 548 (companion Senate File 0471).

[HF548](#)

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[Chapter 148--H.F.No. 548](#)

Sec. 80. DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYEE RELATIONS ABOLISHED; DUTIES TRANSFERRED.

(a) The Department of Employee Relations and the position of the commissioner of employee relations are abolished as of June 1, 2008. Duties of the Department of Employee Relations and the commissioner of employee relations are transferred on or before June 1, 2008, to the commissioner of finance, except as follows:

(1) duties relating to administration of the state employees workers' compensation program are transferred on or before June 1, 2008, to the commissioner of administration;

and

(2) duties relating to health care purchasing improvement under Minnesota Statutes, section 43A.312, are transferred on or before June 1, 2008, to the commissioner of health.

(b) The commissioner of employee relations, in consultation with the commissioner of finance, may specify one or more dates before June 1, 2008, on which any or all of the transfers provided in paragraph (a) will occur.

(c) The governor may, in consultation with the commissioner of employee relations, the commissioner of finance, the commissioner of administration, and the director of the Office of Enterprise Technology, transfer other duties of the Department of Employee Relations to other state agencies in order to most effectively and efficiently accomplish the reorganization required by this act.

(d) Transfer of duties under this section is subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 15.039.

(e) In addition to any other protection, no employee in the classified service shall suffer job loss, have a salary reduced, or have employment benefits reduced as a result of a reorganization mandated or recommended under authority of this section. No action taken after June 1, 2009, shall be considered a result of reorganization for the purposes of this section.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

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