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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill abolishes the Department of Employee Relations (DOER) and transfers its duties to other executive agencies.

#### Section

**1 DOER abolished; duties transferred.** Abolishes the Department of Employee Relations (DOER) as of June 1, 2008. DOER's duties are transferred, on or before June 1, 2008, to the Commissioner of Finance, except as follows:

- Administration of the state employee workers compensation program is transferred to the Commissioner of Administration.
- Duties relating to health care purchasing improvement are transferred to the Commissioner of Health.

Authorizes the DOER commissioner to specify one or more dates before June 1, 2008, on which any or all of the transfers will occur. Authorizes the Governor to transfer other DOER duties to other state agencies. Provides that the transfers in this section are governed by Minnesota Statutes, section 15.039. That section provides that rules, court actions, records, contracts, unexpended funds, and employees are transferred to the new agency.

**2 Worker protection.** Provides that no classified employee shall suffer job loss or have salary or benefits reduced as a result of reorganization under section 1. Provides that actions taken after July 1, 2009, are not considered a result of reorganization.

**Section**

- 3**      **Revisor instruction.** Instructs the Revisor to change statutory references and to prepare a bill for introduction in 2008 making other statutory changes, as needed to implement section 1.
- 4**      **Effective date.** Sections 1 to 3 are effective the day following final enactment.