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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on E-12 Education

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; providing public employers discretion in granting leaves
1.3 of absence over one year; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 179A.07,
1.4 subdivision 6.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 179A.07, subdivision 6, is amended to
1.7 read:

1.8 Subd. 6. **Time off.** A public employer must afford reasonable time off to elected
1.9 officers or appointed representatives of the exclusive representative to conduct the duties
1.10 of the exclusive representative and must, upon request, provide for leaves of absence to
1.11 elected or appointed officials of the exclusive representative or to a full-time appointed
1.12 official of an exclusive representative of teachers in another Minnesota school district for
1.13 the purpose of conducting the duties of the exclusive representative. A leave of absence
1.14 shall not exceed one year. Any request to extend the leave may be granted at the sole
1.15 discretion of the public employer.