

A bill for an act

relating to education; clarifying requirements for changing benefits in a group insurance contract for employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement; amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 471.6161, subdivision 5.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 471.6161, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **Collective bargaining.** The aggregate value of benefits provided by a group insurance contract for employees in a political subdivision who are covered by a collective agreement shall not be reduced, unless the public employer and at least one-half of the total number of exclusive representative representatives of the employees of ~~an~~ affected appropriate bargaining ~~unit~~ units, certified under section 179A.12, agree to a reduction in benefits.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2011, and applies to all employee group insurance contracts modified or entered into after that date.