

This bill is similar to a bill I vetoed in 1994 (Laws of Minnesota 1994, Chapter 569). The concerns expressed regarding that legislation still remain with this bill.

The bill does not expressly prohibit the school district or any third party from making payments on behalf of the member. This is a flaw that leaves this issue unresolved.

I also remain very concerned about any pension legislation that might magnify already significant inequities among the benefit provisions of major public pension plans in Minnesota.

Warmest regards,

ARNE H. CARLSON
Governor

STATE OF MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
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March 19, 1996

The Honorable Irv Anderson
Speaker of the House of Representatives
The State of Minnesota

Dear Speaker Anderson:

I have vetoed and am returning House File No. 2953, Chapter 342.

This legislation requires that the Commissioner of Employee Relations develop a proposal for a pilot project to determine the feasibility of coordinating workers' compensation and insurance benefits for state employees. The legislation also mandates that this project shall be undertaken only if grants for this purpose are awarded to the commissioner.

This legislation is unnecessary, since the agency currently has the authority to perform this study. Absent a funding source to carry out this requirement, this legislation has no purpose.

Therefore, I have vetoed and am returning this legislation.

Warmest regards,

ARNE H. CARLSON
Governor

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March 27, 1996

The Honorable Irv Anderson
Speaker of the House of Representatives
The State of Minnesota

Dear Speaker Anderson:

I have vetoed and am returning Chapter 379, House File No. 2330, a bill that requests that the Saint Cloud area planning organization do a report.