DRAFTER'S NOTE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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Ron:

1. I modified the language in s. 111.70 (4) (n) to conform to other treatments of school districts in subch. IV of ch. 111. I provided that "In a school district, the municipal employer may not engage...", instead of providing that "A school district may not engage...". This conforms to the treatment of school districts in s. 111.70 (4) (m). Also, I specified that the bargaining is with school district professional employes "who are included within a collective bargaining unit for which a representative is recognized or certified...". I did this to track the definition of "collective bargaining" in s. 111.70 (1) (a) that contemplates bargaining between the municipal employer and "the representative of its municipal employes" and not with the employes directly. Is this OK?

2. There may be some ambiguity in s. 111.70 (4) (n) as to exactly when the school district must hold the public hearing. Specifically, it is unclear if the hearing must be held before the school district files notice under s. 111.70 (4) (cm) 1. or before the presentation of initial proposals under s. 111.70 (4) (cm) 2. At a minimum, I believe, the hearing must be held before the presentation of initial proposals under s. 111.70 (4) (cm) 2. But it is unclear if the hearing must be held before the school district files notice under s. 111.70 (4) (cm) 2. But it is unclear if the hearing must be held before the school district files notice under s. 111.70 (4) (cm) 1. Do you want to clarify this or allow the school districts to work the issue out?

If you have any questions about the draft, give me a call.

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