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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Masterson and members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee

From: Jill A. Wolters, First Assistant Revisor

Date: February 9, 2015

Subject: SB161, university support staff leave time

Under current law, classified employees at the regents institutions may vote to become unclassified. These newly designated unclassified employees are referred to as university support staff.

The bill will allow the board of regents to adopt policies to authorize the universities to provide leave time to the university support staff. Further, the bill grants the authority to the universities to provide leave time to the university support staff. Such leave time may vary from amounts provided to classified or unclassified employees of state agencies that are not universities. Finally, when employees are converted from classified to unclassified, the bill allows the regent's and university's policies regarding leave time to be used instead of the classified system policies regarding leave time for the retention of such leave time.