

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation would prohibit public officials from allowing public funds, personnel, facilities, and other resources from being used to support teachers unions. Specifically, it would prohibit public officials from:

- Contributing public funds to, or expending those funds on behalf of, a teachers union.
- Compensating or providing paid leave to a teacher to engage in activities on behalf of a teachers union, unless the union reimburses the district for the value of the teacher's time.
- Increasing a teacher's pay when that increase is intended to pay teacher union dues.
- Granting a teachers union greater access to or use of the school district's meetings, events, facilities, communications systems, computer systems, equipment, supplies, or other resources on terms more favorable than extended to any other teachers union or nonprofit organization.
- Providing more of a teacher's personal information to a union than would be disclosable under the Public Records Act, unless the teacher authorizes the disclosure.
- Requiring teachers to meet or interact with a teachers union if they do not wish to do so.
- Distributing communications or membership solicitations on behalf of a teachers union.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation does not require the expenditure of any state funds and does not create, repeal, or amend any state taxes or fees. Consequently, it would have no fiscal impact on the General Fund or any other state fund. Other than school districts, this legislation does not affect and would have no fiscal impact on any political subdivision of the state. The legislation imposes no new obligations or duties on school districts and would not have negative fiscal impacts on school district budgets. To the contrary, the legislation prohibits public officials from allowing school district funds, personnel, facilities, and other resources from being used to support teachers unions and, depending on the outcome of district-by-district collective bargaining negotiations with local teachers unions, may result in some districts experiencing a modest but indeterminate revenue increase as unions start reimbursing the district for any time teachers spend on union business.

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