

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1027

By: Representative Eubanks

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT A SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM USING PUBLIC FUNDS TO PAY A TEACHER'S OR CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE'S MEMBERSHIP DUES IN A PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO PROHIBIT A SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM USING PUBLIC FUNDS TO PAY A TEACHER'S OR CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE'S MEMBERSHIP DUES IN A PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-805 is amended to read as follows:

6-17-805. Deduction for professional membership dues – Prohibition on using public funds – Definitions.

(a)(1) Upon the written request of any teacher or classified employee, the board of directors of any school district of the state shall deduct from the salary of that teacher or classified employee such sums as the teacher or classified employee shall specify for the payment of membership dues in any bona fide teacher's or classified employee's educational professional organization designated by the teacher or classified employee in the request.

(2) Except as provided in subdivision (a)(1) of this section, a public school district shall not use any public funds to pay membership dues in any teacher's or employee's educational professional organization.

(b) The teacher or classified employee may request a lump-sum deduction or have the sum to be deducted spread over the school year.



(c) The board of directors, or its authorized representative, shall transmit the sum deducted to the organizations designated by the teacher or classified employee in the request.

(d) All requests shall bear the manual signature of the teacher or classified employee.

(e) The request shall be filed with the contract of the teacher or classified employee and shall be subject to audit by the ~~Division of~~ Arkansas Legislative Audit.

(f) As used in this section:

(1) "Classified employee" means ~~any~~ a person employed by a public school district under a written annual contract who is not required to have a teaching license issued by the Department of Education as a condition of employment; and

(2) "Teacher" means ~~any~~ a person, including without limitation a superintendent and assistant superintendent, holding a license issued by the State of Arkansas and employed by a public school district in a teaching, instructional, supervisory, administrative, or educational and scientific capacity.