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**A Bill**

Call Item 4

HOUSE BILL 1179

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5 By: Representatives Chesterfield, P. Bookout, Elliott, Green, J. Johnson, C. Johnson, Seawel, Thomas,  
6 White, Wood  
7 By: Senators Gullett, Argue, J. Jeffress, Steele

**For An Act To Be Entitled**

11 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYROLL DEDUCTION OF  
12 MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR CLASSIFIED PUBLIC SCHOOL  
13 EMPLOYEES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**Subtitle**

17 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYROLL  
18 DEDUCTION OF MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR  
19 CLASSIFIED PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES.

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

24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-805 is amended to read as follows:  
25 6-17-805. Deduction for professional membership dues.

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

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

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



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

3 (e) It shall be filed with the contract of the teacher or classified  
4 employee and shall be subject to audit by the Division of Legislative Audit.

5 (f) As used in this section:

6 (1) ~~"teacher"~~ "Teacher" means any person holding a certificate  
7 issued by the State of Arkansas and employed by a school district in a  
8 teaching, instructional, supervisory, administrative, or educational and  
9 scientific capacity; and

10 (2) "Classified employee" means any person employed by a school  
11 district under a written annual contract, who is not required to have a  
12 teaching certificate issued by the Department of Education as a condition of  
13 employment.

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15 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
16 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that teachers and classified  
17 employees shall be treated equally and fairly in the workplace; and that any  
18 impediment to that right can result in a breach of peace in the workplace;  
19 and that this act is immediately necessary to prevent any breach of peace  
20 among school employees in the state. Therefore, an emergency is declared to  
21 exist and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the  
22 public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

23 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

24 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,  
25 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the  
26 bill; or

27 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is  
28 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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30 /s/ Chesterfield, et al  
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