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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1412

5 By: Representative Eubanks  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING A TEACHER'S OR CLASSIFIED  
9 EMPLOYEE'S EDUCATIONAL PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION  
10 MEMBERSHIP DUES; TO PROHIBIT A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
11 FROM USING PUBLIC FUNDS TO PAY A TEACHER'S OR  
12 CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE'S MEMBERSHIP DUES IN AN  
13 EDUCATIONAL PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION; AND FOR OTHER  
14 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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18 TO PROHIBIT A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM  
19 USING PUBLIC FUNDS TO PAY A TEACHER'S OR  
20 CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE'S MEMBERSHIP DUES IN  
21 AN EDUCATIONAL PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION.  
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-805 is amended to read as follows:

27 6-17-805. Deduction for professional membership dues – Prohibition on  
28 use of public funds – Definitions.

29 (a)(1) Upon the written request of ~~any a~~ a teacher or classified  
30 employee, ~~the a public school district~~ a public school district board of directors ~~of any school~~  
31 ~~district of the state~~ shall deduct from the salary of ~~that~~ the requesting  
32 teacher or classified employee such sums as the teacher or classified  
33 employee ~~shall specify~~ specifies for the payment of membership dues in ~~any~~  
34 ~~bona fide~~ the teacher's or classified employee's designated educational  
35 professional organization ~~designated by the teacher or classified employee in~~  
36 ~~the request.~~



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

4           (b) ~~The~~ A teacher or classified employee may request under subdivision  
5 (a)(1) of this section a lump-sum deduction or have the sum to be deducted  
6 spread over the school year.

7           (c) ~~The~~ A public school district board of directors, or its authorized  
8 representative, shall transmit the sum deducted to the organizations  
9 designated by the teacher or classified employee in ~~the~~ his or her request  
10 under subdivision (a)(1) of this section.

11           (d) All requests under subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall bear  
12 the manual signature of the teacher or classified employee.

13           (e) ~~The~~ A request under subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall be  
14 filed with the contract of the teacher or classified employee and shall be  
15 subject to audit by Arkansas Legislative Audit.

16           (f) As used in this section:

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

21           (2) "Teacher" means ~~any~~ a person holding a license issued by the  
22 State of Arkansas and employed by a public school district in a teaching,  
23 instructional, supervisory, administrative, or educational and scientific  
24 capacity.

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