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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 452

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5 By: Senator B. Davis

## For An Act To Be Entitled

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8 AN ACT CONCERNING PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP DUES; TO  
9 PREVENT A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM USING PUBLIC  
10 FUNDS TO PAY THE PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP  
11 DUES OF A TEACHER OR A CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE; AND FOR  
12 OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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16 TO PREVENT A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM  
17 USING PUBLIC FUNDS TO PAY THE  
18 PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP DUES  
19 OF A TEACHER OR A CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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

25 6-17-805. Deduction for professional membership dues – Prohibition on  
26 use of public funds – Definitions.

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

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



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

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

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

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

13           (f) As used in this section:

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

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

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