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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

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15 PUBLIC FUNDS TO PAY A TEACHER'S OR
16 CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE'S MEMBERSHIP DUES IN
17 A PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-805 is amended to read as follows:

24 6-17-805. Deduction for professional membership dues – Prohibition on
25 using public funds – Definitions.

26 (a)(1) 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 classified employee's educational professional
31 organization designated by the teacher or classified employee in the request.

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

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



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

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

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

9 (f) As used in this section:

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

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

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