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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to teachers; amending s. 1001.03,
3 F.S.; requiring that certain professional teacher
4 associations be given equal access to initial
5 orientations; providing that certain not-for-profit,
6 professional teacher associations are not employee
7 organizations for purposes of specified provisions
8 until applying for registration as a certified
9 bargaining agent; amending s. 1012.39, F.S.;
10 prohibiting a postsecondary educational institution or
11 district school board from requiring a student
12 enrolled in a teacher preparation program to purchase
13 liability insurance; providing an effective date.

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15 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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17 Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 1001.03, Florida
18 Statutes, is amended to read:

19 1001.03 Specific powers of State Board of Education.—

20 (4) PROFESSIONAL TEACHER ASSOCIATIONS.—

21 (a) The State Board of Education shall ensure that not-
22 for-profit, professional teacher associations that offer
23 membership to all teachers, noninstructional personnel, and
24 administrators, and that offer teacher training and staff
25 development at no fee to the district, shall be given equal
26 access to initial orientations and voluntary teacher meetings,
27 be provided access to teacher mailboxes for distribution of
28 professional literature, and be authorized to collect voluntary

29 membership fees through payroll deduction.

30 (b) A not-for-profit, professional teacher association
 31 described in paragraph (a) is not an employee organization for
 32 purposes of part II of chapter 447 until it applies for
 33 registration as a certified bargaining agent for public
 34 employees pursuant to s. 447.305(1).

35 Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 1012.39, Florida
 36 Statutes, is amended to read:

37 1012.39 Employment of substitute teachers, teachers of
 38 adult education, nondegreed teachers of career education, and
 39 career specialists; students performing clinical field
 40 experience.—

41 (3) A student who is enrolled in a state-approved teacher
 42 preparation program in a postsecondary educational institution
 43 that is approved by rules of the State Board of Education and
 44 who is jointly assigned by the postsecondary educational
 45 institution and a district school board to perform a clinical
 46 field experience under the direction of a regularly employed and
 47 certified educator shall, while serving such supervised clinical
 48 field experience, be accorded the same protection of law as that
 49 accorded to the certified educator except for the right to
 50 bargain collectively as an employee of the district school
 51 board. A postsecondary educational institution or district
 52 school board may not require a student enrolled in a state-
 53 approved teacher preparation program to purchase liability
 54 insurance as a condition of participation in any clinical field
 55 experience or related activity on the premises of an elementary
 56 or secondary school.

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Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.