

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. 1012.21, F.S.; requiring
10 the Department of Education to provide information
11 regarding limitations of liability, appropriate level
12 of additional liability insurance, and options for
13 procuring such insurance; amending s. 1012.39, F.S.;
14 prohibiting a postsecondary educational institution or
15 district school board from requiring a student
16 enrolled in a teacher preparation program to purchase
17 liability insurance; providing an effective date.

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19 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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21 Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 1001.03, Florida
22 Statutes, is amended to read:

23 1001.03 Specific powers of State Board of Education.—

24 (4) PROFESSIONAL TEACHER ASSOCIATIONS.—

25 (a) The State Board of Education shall ensure that not-
26 for-profit, professional teacher associations that offer
27 membership to all teachers, noninstructional personnel, and
28 administrators, and that offer teacher training and staff

29 development at no fee to the district, shall be given equal
 30 access to initial orientations and voluntary teacher meetings,
 31 be provided access to teacher mailboxes for distribution of
 32 professional literature, and be authorized to collect voluntary
 33 membership fees through payroll deduction.

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

39 Section 2. Subsection (6) of section 1012.21, Florida
 40 Statutes, is amended to read:

41 1012.21 Department of Education duties; K-12 personnel.—

42 (6) REPORTING.—The Department of Education shall annually
 43 post online links to each school district's collective
 44 bargaining contracts and the salary and benefits of the
 45 personnel or officers of any educator association which were
 46 paid by the school district pursuant to s. 1012.22.

47 The department shall also annually post online the limitations
 48 on liabilities provided by general law to instructional
 49 personnel, the appropriate level of additional liability
 50 insurance, if any, and options for procuring such insurance.

51 Section 3. Subsection (3) of section 1012.39, Florida
 52 Statutes, is amended to read:

53 1012.39 Employment of substitute teachers, teachers of
 54 adult education, nondegreed teachers of career education, and
 55 career specialists; students performing clinical field
 56 experience.—

57 (3) A student who is enrolled in a state-approved teacher
58 preparation program in a postsecondary educational institution
59 that is approved by rules of the State Board of Education and
60 who is jointly assigned by the postsecondary educational
61 institution and a district school board to perform a clinical
62 field experience under the direction of a regularly employed and
63 certified educator shall, while serving such supervised clinical
64 field experience, be accorded the same protection of law as that
65 accorded to the certified educator except for the right to
66 bargain collectively as an employee of the district school
67 board. A postsecondary educational institution or district
68 school board may not require a student enrolled in a state-
69 approved teacher preparation program to purchase liability
70 insurance as a condition of participation in any clinical field
71 experience or related activity on the premises of an elementary
72 or secondary school.

73 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.