

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 on liability, suggestions for  
12      pertinent criteria for determining the appropriate  
13      level of additional liability insurance, and options  
14      for procuring such insurance; amending s. 1012.39,  
15      F.S.; prohibiting a postsecondary educational  
16      institution or district school board from requiring a  
17      student enrolled in a teacher preparation program to  
18      purchase liability insurance; providing an effective  
19      date.

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

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

25       1001.03   Specific powers of State Board of Education.—

26       (4)   PROFESSIONAL TEACHER ASSOCIATIONS.—

27       (a)   The State Board of Education shall ensure that not-  
28       for-profit, professional teacher associations that offer

29 membership to all teachers, noninstructional personnel, and  
 30 administrators, and that offer teacher training and staff  
 31 development at no fee to the district, shall be given equal  
 32 access to initial orientations and voluntary teacher meetings,  
 33 be provided access to teacher mailboxes for distribution of  
 34 professional literature, and be authorized to collect voluntary  
 35 membership fees through payroll deduction.

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

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

43 1012.21 Department of Education duties; K-12 personnel.—

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

49 The department shall also annually post online the limitations  
 50 on liabilities provided by general law to instructional  
 51 personnel, suggestions for pertinent criteria for determining  
 52 the appropriate level of additional liability insurance, if any,  
 53 and options for procuring such insurance.

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

56 1012.39 Employment of substitute teachers, teachers of

57 | adult education, nondegreed teachers of career education, and  
58 | career specialists; students performing clinical field  
59 | experience.—

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

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