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House Bill 4731

Sponsor: Rep. Harold S. Voorhees

Committee: Education

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4731 AS INTRODUCED 5-6-93

The bill would amend the School Code to permit a school board to enter into an agreement with a musical instrument provider giving the provider exclusive rights to market its instruments and services in school buildings in exchange for providing support services for the instrumental music program. The agreement could not, however, prohibit a student from buying an instrument from a vendor of his or her choice or from using the instrument in school activities if the instrument was approved by the school's instrumental music staff or was substantially the same in function and performance as other approved instruments.

The School Code prohibits certain school officials and teachers from acting as agents for authors, publishers, booksellers, or sellers of other school equipment or materials and from receiving gifts or rewards for exercising influence in recommending the purchase or use of schoolbooks, apparatus, or furniture. The bill would specify that someone who entered into a contract with a musical instrument provider as described above would not as a result be considered an agent of the instrument provider.

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