## **HOUSE BILL No. 4805**

May 17, 2007, Introduced by Rep. Wenke and referred to the Committee on Oversight and Investigations.

A bill to amend 1947 PA 336, entitled

"An act to prohibit strikes by certain public employees; to provide review from disciplinary action with respect thereto; to provide for the mediation of grievances and the holding of elections; to declare and protect the rights and privileges of public employees; and to prescribe means of enforcement and penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act,"

by amending section 15 (MCL 423.215), as amended by 1994 PA 112.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 15. (1) A public employer shall bargain collectively with
- 2 the representatives of its employees as defined-INDICATED in
- 3 section 11 and is authorized to make and enter into collective
- 4 bargaining agreements with such THOSE representatives. Except as
- 5 otherwise provided in this section, for the purposes of this
- section, to bargain collectively is the performance of TO PERFORM
- the mutual obligation of the employer and the representative of the

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- 1 employees to meet at reasonable times and confer in good faith with
- 2 respect to wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of
- 3 employment, or the negotiation of an agreement, or any question
- 4 arising under the agreement, and the execution of a written
- 5 contract, ordinance, or resolution incorporating any agreement
- 6 reached if requested by either party, but this obligation does not
- 7 compel either party to agree to a proposal or require the making of
- 8 a concession. A PUBLIC EMPLOYER IS PROHIBITED FROM BARGAINING
- 9 CONCERNING A BENEFIT PLAN THAT WOULD PROVIDE MEDICAL, OPTICAL, OR
- 10 DENTAL BENEFITS FOR EMPLOYEES TO THE EXTENT THAT THE COST TO THE
- 11 PUBLIC EMPLOYER WOULD EXCEED THE COST OF THE MOST EXPENSIVE BENEFIT
- 12 PLAN COVERING THE SAME TYPE OF BENEFITS OFFERED TO A NONEXCLUSIVELY
- 13 REPRESENTED EMPLOYEE IN THE CLASSIFIED STATE CIVIL SERVICE.
- 14 (2) A public school employer has the responsibility,
- 15 authority, and right to manage and direct on behalf of the public
- 16 the operations and activities of the public schools under its
- 17 control.
- 18 (3) Collective bargaining between a public school employer and
- 19 a bargaining representative of its employees shall not include any
- 20 of the following subjects:
- 21 (a) Who is or will be the policyholder of an employee group
- 22 insurance benefit. This subdivision does not affect the duty to
- 23 bargain with respect to types and levels of benefits and coverages
- 24 for employee group insurance. A change or proposed change in a type
- 25 or to a level of benefit, policy specification, or coverage for
- 26 employee group insurance shall be bargained by the public school
- 27 employer and the bargaining representative before the change may

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- 1 take effect.
- 2 (b) Establishment of the starting day for the school year and
- 3 of the amount of pupil contact time required to receive full state
- 4 school aid under section 1284 of the REVISED school code, of 1976,
- 5 Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1976, being section 380.1284 of
- 6 the Michigan Compiled Laws 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1284, and under
- 7 section 101 of the state school aid act of 1979, Act No. 94 of the
- 8 Public Acts of 1979, being section 388.1701 of the Michigan
- 9 Compiled Laws 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1701.
- 10 (c) Composition of site-based decision-making bodies
- 11 established pursuant to section 1202a of Act No. 451 of the Public
- 12 Acts of 1976, being section 380.1202a of the Michigan Compiled
- 13 Laws, or of school improvement committees established under section
- 14 1277 of Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1976, being section
- 15 380.1277 of the Michigan Compiled Laws THE REVISED SCHOOL CODE,
- 16 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1277.
- 17 (d) The decision of whether or not to provide or allow
- 18 interdistrict or intradistrict open enrollment opportunity in a
- 19 school district or of which grade levels or schools in which to
- 20 allow such an open enrollment opportunity.
- 21 (e) The decision of whether or not to act as an authorizing
- 22 body to grant a contract to organize and operate 1 or more public
- 23 school academies under part 6a of Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of
- 24 1976, being sections 380.501 to 380.507 of the Michigan Compiled
- 25 Laws THE REVISED SCHOOL CODE, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.501 TO 380.507,
- 26 or the granting of a leave of absence to an employee of a school
- 27 district to participate in a public school academy.

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- 1 (f) The decision of whether or not to contract with a third
- 2 party for 1 or more noninstructional support services; or the
- 3 procedures for obtaining the contract; or the identity of the third
- 4 party; or the impact of the contract on individual employees or the
- 5 bargaining unit.
- 6 (g) The use of volunteers in providing services at its
- 7 schools.
- 8 (h) Decisions concerning use of experimental or pilot programs
- 9 and staffing of experimental or pilot programs and decisions
- 10 concerning use of technology to deliver educational programs and
- 11 services and staffing to provide the technology, or the impact of
- 12 these decisions on individual employees or the bargaining unit.
- 13 (i) Any compensation or additional work assignment intended to
- 14 reimburse an employee for or allow an employee to recover any
- 15 monetary penalty imposed under this act.
- 16 (J) HEALTH BENEFITS, BUT ONLY INSOFAR AS THE COST TO THE
- 17 EMPLOYER TO SECURE THOSE BENEFITS WOULD EXCEED THE COST OF THE
- 18 HEALTH BENEFITS PLAN OFFERED TO A NONEXCLUSIVELY REPRESENTED
- 19 EMPLOYEE IN THE CLASSIFIED STATE CIVIL SERVICE.
- 20 (4) The matters described in subsection (3) are prohibited
- 21 subjects of bargaining between a public school employer and a
- 22 bargaining representative of its employees, and, for the purposes
- 23 of this act, are within the sole authority of the public school
- 24 employer to decide.