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Senate Bill 971 (as reported with amendment)
Sponsor: Senator Randy Richardville
Committee: Government Operations

CONTENT

The bill would amend the public employment relations Act (PERA) to specify that an individual serving as a graduate student research assistant or in an equivalent position and any individual whose position does not have sufficient indicia of an employer-employee relationship using the 20-factor test announced by the IRS in Revenue Ruling 87-41, would not be a public employee entitled to representation or collective bargaining rights under the Act.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have an indeterminate fiscal impact. The issue as to whether a graduate student research assistant, or a person in an equivalent position, is a public employee entitled to representation or collective bargaining rights under PERA is currently before the Michigan Employee Relation Commission.

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