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HOUSE BILL No. 6474

November 7, 2018, Introduced by Reps. Johnson and Albert and referred to the Committee on Michigan Competitiveness.

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; to require certain provisions in collective bargaining agreements; to prescribe means of enforcement and penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act; and to make appropriations,"

by amending section 10 (MCL 423.210), as amended by 2014 PA 414.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

Sec. 10. (1) A public employer or an officer or agent of a public employer shall not do any of the following:

- (a) Interfere with, restrain, or coerce public employees in the exercise of their rights guaranteed in section 9.
- (b) Initiate, create, dominate, contribute to, or interfere with the formation or administration of any labor organization. A public school employer's use of public school resources to assist a

- 1 labor organization in collecting dues or service fees from wages of
- 2 public school employees is a prohibited contribution to the
- 3 administration of a labor organization. However, a public school
- 4 employer's collection of dues or service fees pursuant to a
- 5 collective bargaining agreement that is in effect on March 16, 2012
- 6 is not prohibited until the agreement expires or is terminated,
- 7 extended, or renewed. A public employer may permit employees to
- 8 confer with a labor organization during working hours without loss
- 9 of time or pay.
- 10 (c) Discriminate in regard to hire, terms, or other conditions
- 11 of employment to encourage or discourage membership in a labor
- 12 organization.
- 13 (d) Discriminate against a public employee because he or she
- 14 has given testimony or instituted proceedings under this act.
- 15 (e) Refuse to bargain collectively with the representatives of
- 16 its public employees, subject to section 11.
- 17 (F) ON OR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT
- 18 ADDED THIS SUBDIVISION, ENTER INTO OR RENEW A BARGAINING AGREEMENT
- 19 THAT REQUIRES OR ALLOWS ANY PAID RELEASE TIME FOR A UNION OFFICER
- 20 OR BARGAINING REPRESENTATIVE TO CONDUCT UNION BUSINESS IF THE
- 21 RELEASE TIME IS PAID BY THE PUBLIC EMPLOYER. THIS SUBDIVISION DOES
- 22 NOT APPLY TO A BARGAINING AGREEMENT FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 23 (i) EMPLOYEES SUBJECT TO COMPULSORY ARBITRATION UNDER 1969 PA
- 24 312, MCL 423.231 TO 423.247.
- 25 (ii) CORRECTIONS OFFICERS EMPLOYED BY A COUNTY SHERIFF IN A
- 26 COUNTY JAIL, WORK CAMP, OR OTHER FACILITY MAINTAINED BY A COUNTY
- 27 THAT HOUSES ADULT PRISONERS.

- 1 (iii) CORRECTIONS OFFICERS EMPLOYED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
- 2 CORRECTIONS.
- 3 (iv) EMPLOYEES OF A STATE OR LOCAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY SEEKING
- 4 OR RECEIVING FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH 49 USC
- 5 5333 (B).
- 6 (2) A labor organization or its agents shall not do any of the
- 7 following:
- 8 (a) Restrain or coerce public employees in the exercise of the
- 9 rights guaranteed in section 9. This subdivision does not impair
- 10 the right of a labor organization to prescribe its own rules with
- 11 respect to the acquisition or retention of membership.
- 12 (b) Restrain or coerce a public employer in the selection of
- 13 its representatives for the purposes of collective bargaining or
- 14 the adjustment of grievances.
- 15 (c) Cause or attempt to cause a public employer to
- 16 discriminate against a public employee in violation of subsection
- **17** (1)(c).
- 18 (d) Refuse to bargain collectively with a public employer,
- 19 provided—IF it is the representative of the public employer's
- 20 employees, subject to section 11.
- 21 (3) Except as provided in subsection (4), an individual shall
- 22 not be required as a condition of obtaining or continuing public
- 23 employment to do any of the following:
- 24 (a) Refrain or resign from membership in, voluntary
- 25 affiliation with, or voluntary financial support of a labor
- 26 organization or bargaining representative.
- 27 (b) Become or remain a member of a labor organization or

- 1 bargaining representative.
- 2 (c) Pay any dues, fees, assessments, or other charges or
- 3 expenses of any kind or amount, or provide anything of value to a
- 4 labor organization or bargaining representative.
- 5 (d) Pay to any charitable organization or third party any
- 6 amount that is in lieu of, equivalent to, or any portion of dues,
- 7 fees, assessments, or other charges or expenses required of members
- 8 of or public employees represented by a labor organization or
- 9 bargaining representative.
- 10 (4) The application of subsection (3) is subject to the
- 11 following:
- 12 (a) Subsection (3) does not apply to any of the following:
- 13 (i) A public police or fire department employee or any person
- 14 who seeks to become employed as a public police or fire department
- 15 employee as that term is defined under section 2 of 1969 PA 312,
- **16** MCL 423.232.
- 17 (ii) A state police trooper or sergeant who is granted rights
- 18 under section 5 of article XI of the state constitution of 1963 or
- 19 any individual who seeks to become employed as a state police
- 20 trooper or sergeant.
- 21 (b) Any person described in subdivision (a), or a labor
- 22 organization or bargaining representative representing persons
- 23 described in subdivision (a), and a public employer or this state
- 24 may agree that all employees in the bargaining unit shall share
- 25 fairly in the financial support of the labor organization or their
- 26 exclusive bargaining representative by paying a fee to the labor
- 27 organization or exclusive bargaining representative that may be

- 1 equivalent to the amount of dues uniformly required of members of
- 2 the labor organization or exclusive bargaining representative.
- 3 Section 9(2) shall DOES not be construed to interfere with AFFECT
- 4 the right of a public employer or this state and a labor
- 5 organization or bargaining representative to enter into or lawfully
- 6 administer such an agreement as it relates to the employees or
- 7 persons described in subdivision (a).
- f 8 (c) If any of the exclusions in subdivision (a) (i) or (ii) are
- 9 found to be invalid by a court, the following apply:
- 10 (i) The individuals described in the exclusion found to be
- 11 invalid shall ARE no longer be excepted from the application of
- 12 subsection (3).
- (ii) Subdivision (b) does not apply to individuals described
- 14 in the invalid exclusion.
- 15 (5) An agreement, contract, understanding, or practice between
- 16 or involving a public employer, labor organization, or bargaining
- 17 representative that violates subsection (3) is unlawful and
- 18 unenforceable. This subsection applies only to an agreement,
- 19 contract, understanding, or practice that takes effect or is
- 20 extended or renewed after March 28, 2013.
- 21 (6) The court of appeals has exclusive original jurisdiction
- 22 over any action challenging the validity of subsection (3), (4), or
- 23 (5). The court of appeals shall hear the action in an expedited
- 24 manner.
- 25 (7) For fiscal year 2012-2013, \$1,000,000.00 is appropriated
- 26 to the department of licensing and regulatory affairs to be
- 27 expended to do all of the following regarding 2012 PA 349:

- 1 (a) Respond to public inquiries regarding 2012 PA 349.
- 2 (b) Provide the commission with sufficient staff and other
- 3 resources to implement 2012 PA 349.
- 4 (c) Inform public employers, public employees, and labor
- 5 organizations concerning their rights and responsibilities under
- 6 2012 PA 349.
- 7 (d) Any other purposes that the director of the department of
- 8 licensing and regulatory affairs determines in his or her
- 9 discretion are necessary to implement 2012 PA 349.
- 10 (8) A person, public employer, or labor organization, OR OTHER
- 11 PERSON that violates subsection (3) is liable for a civil fine of
- 12 not more than \$500.00. A civil fine recovered under this section
- 13 shall MUST be submitted to the state treasurer for deposit in the
- 14 general fund of this state.
- 15 (9) By July 1 of each year, each exclusive bargaining
- 16 representative that represents public employees in this state shall
- 17 have an independent examiner verify the exclusive bargaining
- 18 representative's calculation of all expenditures attributed to the
- 19 costs of collective bargaining, contract administration, and
- 20 grievance adjustment during the prior calendar year and shall file
- 21 that verification with the commission. The commission shall make
- 22 the exclusive bargaining representative's calculations available to
- 23 the public on the commission's website. The exclusive bargaining
- 24 representative shall also file a declaration identifying the local
- 25 bargaining units that are represented. Local bargaining units
- 26 identified in the declaration filed by the exclusive bargaining
- 27 representative are not required to file a separate calculation of

- 1 all expenditures attributed to the costs of collective bargaining,
- 2 contract administration, and grievance adjustment. For fiscal year
- 3 2011-2012, \$100,000.00 is appropriated to the commission for the
- 4 costs of implementing this subsection. For fiscal year 2014-2015,
- 5 \$100,000.00 is appropriated to the commission for the costs of
- 6 implementing this subsection.
- 7 (10) Except for actions required to be brought under
- 8 subsection (6), a person who suffers an injury as a result of a
- 9 violation or threatened violation of subsection (3) may bring a
- 10 civil action for damages, injunctive relief, or both. In addition,
- 11 a court shall award court costs and reasonable attorney fees to a
- 12 plaintiff who prevails in an action brought under this subsection.
- 13 Remedies provided in this subsection are independent of and in
- 14 addition to other penalties and remedies prescribed by this act.
- 15 (11) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "RELEASE TIME" MEANS ANY OF THE
- 16 FOLLOWING AS DEFINED IN SECTION 4 OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES
- 17 RETIREMENT ACT OF 1979, 1980 PA 300, MCL 38.1304, OR ANY OTHER TYPE
- 18 OF RELEASED TIME:
- 19 (A) EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION PROFESSIONAL SERVICES LEAVE.
- 20 (B) PROFESSIONAL SERVICES LEAVE.
- 21 (C) EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELEASED TIME.
- 22 (D) PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELEASED TIME.
- 23 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
- 24 after the date it is enacted into law.