

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 598

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An Act relating to education organizations; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 5-139, which relates to professional organization dues; removing requirement to make payroll deductions for certain purpose; prohibiting school districts from making payroll deductions for membership dues in certain organization; prohibiting school districts from paying membership or other participation dues to certain organization; providing a definition; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 5-139, is amended to read as follows:

Section 5-139. ~~School~~ A. Except as provided for in subsection B of this section, school districts shall make payroll deductions for ~~either or both~~ professional organization dues ~~and political contributions~~ upon the request of any school employee and shall transmit deducted funds to the organization designated by the school district employee. ~~Such~~ The deductions shall be on a ten-month

1 basis unless otherwise designated by the employee organization.
2 However, a school employee may request in writing at any time for
3 the school district to immediately terminate or initiate payroll
4 deductions to a professional organization. Upon receipt of a
5 request the school district shall within five (5) business days or
6 by the next pay period, whichever is earlier, terminate or initiate
7 any future payroll deductions of the requesting school employee to a
8 professional organization. Upon receipt of a request the school
9 district shall notify the professional organization of the
10 initiation or termination of payroll deductions within fifteen (15)
11 business days. If the request is to terminate a deduction, the
12 school district shall not make any advance payments to any
13 professional organization of any future dues on behalf of the school
14 employee.

15 B. 1. It shall be unlawful for any school district to make
16 payroll deductions on behalf of a school administrator for
17 membership dues in a statewide organization that engages in
18 political activity.

19 2. It shall also be unlawful for any school district to pay
20 membership dues or any other participation fees on behalf of a
21 school administrator for membership or participation in a statewide
22 organization that engages in political activity.
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1 3. For the purposes of this subsection, "school administrator"
2 shall include public school superintendents, principals and vice
3 principals.

4 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2017.

5 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
6 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
7 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
8 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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