

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 343

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TEACHERS: Provides relative to the statutory rights of teachers

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:416.18(A)(11), relative to teachers; to provide relative to the rights of
3 teachers; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 17:416.18(A)(11) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

6 §416.18. Teacher Bill of Rights

7 A. Respecting the authority of teachers is essential to creating an
8 environment conducive to learning, effective instruction in the classroom, and proper
9 administration of city, parish, and other local public schools. To maintain and
10 protect that authority, it is important that teachers, administrators, parents, and
11 students are fully informed of the various rights conferred upon teachers pursuant to
12 this Section, which are:

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14 (11) A teacher has the right to be free from coercion, harassment, and undue
15 influence from school and district administrators and school board members,
16 especially during instructional time, including the omission of information regarding
17 teacher benefits, insurance, membership in any organization, political campaigns,
18 and any other work-related matter.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides that teachers have a right to be free from undue pressure from school administrators including the withholding of information valuable to the teacher.

Present law provides for a teacher bill of rights. Proposed law grants teachers the additional right to be free from coercion, harassment, and undue influence from school and district administrators and school board members, especially during instructional time, including the omission of information regarding teacher benefits, insurance, membership in any organization, political campaigns, and any other work-related matter.

(Adds R.S. 17:416.18(A)(11))