

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, undue
15 influence, and the intentional omission of information by school system employees
16 and school board members regarding membership in any organization, teacher
17 benefits, insurance, and any other work-related matter. A teacher also has the right
18 to be free from coercion, harassment, and undue influence by school system
19 employees and school board members regarding political campaigns and
20 membership in any organization.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides that teachers have a right to be free from undue pressure from school system employees and school board members including the withholding of information valuable to the teacher and other matters.

Present law provides for a teacher bill of rights. Proposed law grants teachers the additional right to be free from coercion, harassment, undue influence, and the intentional omission of information by school system employees and school board members regarding membership in any organization, teacher benefits, insurance, and any other work-related matter. Further grants teachers the right to be free from coercion, harassment, and undue influence by school system employees and school board members regarding political campaigns and membership in any organization.

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill:

1. Change the omission of information, to the *intentional* omission of information.
2. Change school and district administrators to school system employees.