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## DIGEST

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HB 343 Reengrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides that certain 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 (R.S. 17:416.18) provides for a teacher bill of rights. Proposed law grants teachers the additional right to be free, during school hours, 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. Grants teachers the right to be free, during school hours, from coercion, harassment, and undue influence by school system employees and school board members regarding political campaigns and membership in any organization. Further provides that a charter school established in accordance with present law and its approved charter and the school's officers and employees shall be exempt from the provisions of present law (R.S. 17:416.18).

(Adds R.S. 17:416.18(A)(11) and 3996(B)(45))

### 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.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Limit the protections provided to teachers by proposed law to during school hours.
2. Make present law and proposed law relative to the teacher bill of rights applicable to charter schools.