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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill requires a public school district  
9 or any employee of a public school district, as  
10 well as a public two-year or four-year institution  
11 of higher learning or any employee of such an  
12 institution, to grant all professional educators'  
13 associations the same level of access to employees  
14 of the public school district or institution.

15 This bill requires a public two-year or  
16 four-year institution of higher learning with a  
17 teacher education program, as well as employees of  
18 a teacher education program, to grant all  
19 professional educators' associations the same level  
20 of access to students enrolled in the teacher  
21 education program.

22 This bill also requires a public school  
23 district, public school, or public two-year or  
24 four-year institution of higher learning that  
25 authorizes membership dues to be deducted from an  
26 employee's paycheck for membership in a  
27 professional educators' association to also allow

1 membership dues to be similarly deducted for  
2 membership in any professional educators'  
3 association to which an employee of the public  
4 school district, public school, or public two-year  
5 or four-year institution of higher learning  
6 belongs.

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8 A BILL  
9 TO BE ENTITLED  
10 AN ACT

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12 Relating to public education; to require a public  
13 school district or any employee of a public school district,  
14 as well as a public two-year or four-year institution of  
15 higher learning or any employee of such an institution, to  
16 grant all professional educators' associations the same level  
17 of access to employees of the public school district or  
18 institution; to require a public two-year or four-year  
19 institution of higher learning with a teacher education  
20 program, as well as employees of a teacher education program,  
21 to grant all professional educators' associations the same  
22 level of access to students enrolled in the teacher education  
23 program; and to require a public school district, public  
24 school, or public two-year or four-year institution of higher  
25 learning that authorizes membership dues to be deducted from  
26 an employee's paycheck for membership in a professional  
27 educators' association, to also allow membership dues to be

1 similarly deducted for membership in any professional  
2 educators' association to which an employee of the public  
3 school district, public school, or public two-year or  
4 four-year institution of higher learning belongs.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

6 Section 1. (a) A public school district or any  
7 employee of a public school district shall grant all  
8 professional educators' associations the same level of access  
9 to employees of the public school district. No professional  
10 educators' association shall have a level of access to  
11 employees of the public school district that is greater than  
12 or less than any other professional educators' association.

13 (b) A public two-year or four-year institution of  
14 higher learning or any employee of such an institution shall  
15 grant all professional educators' associations the same level  
16 of access to employees of the institution. No professional  
17 educators' association shall have a level of access to  
18 employees of a public two-year or four-year institution of  
19 higher learning that is greater than or less than any other  
20 professional educators' association.

21 (c) A public two-year or four-year institution of  
22 higher learning that has a teacher education program, as well  
23 as all of the employees of a teacher education program, shall  
24 grant all professional educators' associations the same level  
25 of access to students enrolled in the program. No professional  
26 educators' association shall have a level of access to  
27 students enrolled in a public two-year or four-year

1 institution of higher learning's teacher education program  
2 that is greater than or less than any other professional  
3 educators' association.

4 (d) A public school district, public school, or  
5 public two-year or four-year institution of higher learning  
6 that authorizes membership dues to be deducted from an  
7 employee's paycheck for membership in a professional  
8 educators' association shall also allow membership dues to be  
9 similarly deducted for membership in any professional  
10 educators' association to which an employee of that public  
11 school district, public school, or public two-year or  
12 four-year institution of higher learning belongs.

13 (e) For purposes of this section, access shall  
14 include, but is not limited to, all of the following:

15 (1) Setting up informational tables at inservice or  
16 other similar meetings.

17 (2) Speaking at inservice or other similar meetings.

18 (3) Distributing information in a school's or  
19 institution's mail boxes or through a school's or  
20 institution's email system.

21 (4) Utilizing a school's or institution's meeting  
22 rooms during nonworking hours.

23 (5) Representing employees in employment matters,  
24 when requested by the employee.

25 (6) Posting information on school or institution  
26 bulletin boards.

1                   Section 2. This act shall become effective  
2           immediately upon its passage and approval by the Governor, or  
3           its otherwise becoming law.