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

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

This bill also requires a public school district, public school, or public two-year or four-year institution of higher learning that authorizes membership dues to be deducted from an employee's paycheck for membership in a professional educators' association to also allow
membership dues to be similarly deducted for membership in any professional educators' association to which an employee of the public school district, public school, or public two-year or four-year institution of higher learning belongs.

A BILL

TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

Relating to public education; to require a public school district or any employee of a public school district, as well as a public two-year or four-year institution of higher learning or any employee of such an institution, to grant all professional educators' associations the same level of access to employees of the public school district or institution; to require a public two-year or four-year institution of higher learning with a teacher education program, as well as employees of a teacher education program, to grant all professional educators' associations the same level of access to students enrolled in the teacher education program; and to require a public school district, public school, or public two-year or four-year institution of higher learning that authorizes membership dues to be deducted from an employee's paycheck for membership in a professional educators' association, to also allow membership dues to be
simply deducted for membership in any professional
educators' association to which an employee of the public
school district, public school, or public two-year or
four-year institution of higher learning belongs.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

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

(c) A public two-year or four-year institution of
higher learning that has a teacher education program, as well
as all of the employees of a teacher education program, shall
grant all professional educators' associations the same level
of access to students enrolled in the program. No professional
educators' association shall have a level of access to
students enrolled in a public two-year or four-year
A public school district, public school, or public two-year or four-year institution of higher learning that authorizes membership dues to be deducted from an employee's paycheck for membership in a professional educators' association shall also allow membership dues to be similarly deducted for membership in any professional educators' association to which an employee of that public school district, public school, or public two-year or four-year institution of higher learning belongs.

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

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

(2) Speaking at inservice or other similar meetings.

(3) Distributing information in a school's or institution's mailboxes or through a school's or institution's email system.

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

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

(6) Posting information on school or institution bulletin boards.
Section 2. This act shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.