

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1623

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to school employees; amending 70 O.S. 2021, Section 509.11, which relates to equal access to employees of a school district; prohibiting a school district from requiring or coercing school district employees to take certain actions, distributing certain communications or solicitations, and permitting access to or use of certain activities or equipment; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 509.11, is amended to read as follows:

Section 509.11. A. No school district, employee of a school district, or employee organization shall deny by any means, including a collective bargaining agreement, a statewide professional educators' association equal access to employees of the school district, to the same extent that access is granted to other educators' associations. For purposes of this section, access shall include, but is not limited to:

1 1. Setting up informational tables at in-service or other
2 similar teacher meetings;

3 2. Speaking at in-service or other similar teacher meetings;

4 3. Distributing information in school mail boxes or through the
5 school e-mail system;

6 4. Utilizing school district meeting rooms during nonworking
7 hours;

8 5. Representing employees in employment matters, when requested
9 by the employee;

10 6. Posting information on school district bulletin boards; and

11 7. Utilizing school district printing services.

12 B. Any association which utilizes school district facilities or
13 services shall reimburse the district for any costs incurred by the
14 district.

15 C. A school district is prohibited from:

16 1. Requiring or coercing school district employees to meet,
17 communicate, listen to, or otherwise interact with an employee
18 organization or statewide professional educators' association;

19 2. Distributing communications or membership solicitations on
20 behalf of an employee organization or statewide professional
21 educators' association; and

22 3. Permitting an employee organization or statewide
23 professional educators' association access to or use of the school
24 district's meetings, events, facilities, communications systems,

1 computer systems, equipment, supplies, or other resources on terms
2 more favorable than extended to any other employee organization or
3 statewide professional educators' association seeking similar access
4 or use.

5 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2024.

6 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
7 of the public peace, health, or safety, an emergency is hereby
8 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
9 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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