

Bill Summary
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Bill Analysis

SB 851 modifies language regarding the access statewide professional educators' associations have to school district employees. It modifies what constitutes access. It states that equal access cannot be conditional on provisions or services requested by districts. The measure states that communications by an employee, volunteer, or member of a statewide professional educators' association that pertains to a collective bargaining agreement or negotiated employment contract is to be classified as a promotional event. The measure permits distribution of promotional materials to all employees in school mailboxes. It prohibits a district from requiring a fee or other payment from associations for access, promotional material review or distribution, or other related activities. The measure states that if an association is not allowed access to employees, it shall notify the school district board of education where access was denied. It states that if a board of education does not ensure equal access is provided within 15 days, the association shall notify the State Board of Education.

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