

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2753

Introduced by Assembly Member Grove

February 19, 2016

An act to add Chapter 13 (commencing with Section 3599.1) to Division 4 of Title 1 of the Government Code, relating to public employment.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2753, as introduced, Grove. Public employment: employee bargaining representatives: financial information.

Existing law generally grants state employees the right to form, join, and participate in the activities of employee organizations of their own choosing for the purpose of representation on all matters of employer-employee relations. Existing law prescribes procedures in this regard for different public employers and occupational classifications, both state and local.

This bill would require an organization that provides representation to public employees in labor negotiations with a state or local public employer to place an itemized version of its budget on its Internet Web site and to provide each member of the organization easy access to it. The bill would require the budget to be updated on an ongoing basis. The bill would also require a public employee organization to provide its members a means of asking questions about financial issues related to the organization and would grant members the right to receive responses to their questions, in writing if requested, within a reasonable time.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 13 (commencing with Section 3599.1)
2 is added to Division 4 of Title 1 of the Government Code, to read:

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4 CHAPTER 13. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE UNION TRANSPARENCY

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6 3599.1. (a) For purposes of this section:

7 (1) “Public employee organization” means an organization that
8 provides representation to public employees in labor negotiations
9 with a public employer regarding the terms and conditions of
10 employment.

11 (2) “Public employer” means any public employer, including,
12 but not limited to, an employer subject to Chapter 10 (commencing
13 with Section 3500), Chapter 10.3 (commencing with Section 3512),
14 Chapter 10.5 (commencing with Section 3525), Chapter 10.7
15 (commencing with Section 3540), or Chapter 12 (commencing
16 with Section 3560), Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 71600)
17 of Title 8, and Chapter 7.5 (commencing with Section 71800) of
18 this code, and Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 99560) of Part
19 11 of Division 10 of the Public Utilities Code.

20 (b) On and after January 1, 2017, a public employee organization
21 shall place an itemized version of its budget on its Internet Web
22 site and shall provide each member of the organization easy access
23 to the budget so published. The budget shall be updated on an
24 ongoing basis.

25 (c) A public employee organization shall provide its members
26 a means of asking questions about financial issues related to the
27 organization, including the budget described in subdivision (b),
28 and members shall have the right to receive a response to their
29 questions, in writing if requested, within a reasonable time.

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