

Labor and Public Employees Committee

JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-6793

AN ACT MODIFYING THE STATE BOARD OF LABOR RELATIONS' REMEDIES
Title: FOR PROHIBITED PRACTICES FOR CERTIFIED EMPLOYEES.

Vote Date: 3/16/2023

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 3/2/2023

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

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REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill intends to allow the State Board of Labor Relations (SBLR) to issue a cease-and-desist order to a party alleged to have violated certain provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes that prohibit practices of employers, employees and representatives. This change would align state law with the Municipal Employees Relations Act (MERA).

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Dante Bartolomeo, Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Labor: Comments that this bill would allow the State Board of Labor Relations to issue a cease-and-desist order to a party alleged to have violated certain provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes that prohibit practices of employers, employees and representatives. She also comments that the passage of this bill will likely increase the workload of the board.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Frank Ricci, Labor Fellow, Yankee Institute: Supports this bill because it will benefit taxpayers by limiting damages such as back pay if a party is ordered to revert to the original policy or practice at the Labor Board hearing.

Adrienne DeLucca, General Counsel, Connecticut Education Association: Supports this bill because its language already exists in the Municipal Employees Relations Act and would put teachers on an equal footing with municipal employees.

Ed Hawthorne, President, Connecticut AFL-CIO: Supports this bill because it establishes parity with the Municipal Employees Relations Act.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

No sources of opposition were provided.

Reported by: Gabriel Marques, Assistant Clerk Date: 3/17/23