

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5459

As of February 17, 1997

Title: An act relating to campaign contributions by members of educational employee bargaining units.

Brief Description: Prohibiting teachers' unions and members of teachers' unions from contributing to campaigns for school board directors.

Sponsors: Senators McCaslin and Deccio.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Government Operations: 2/18/97.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Staff: Kathleen Healy (786-7403)

Background: The Public Disclosure Act (PDA) requires that political campaign and lobbying expenditures be fully disclosed to the public. The concept behind complete disclosure is to assure public confidence of the fairness of elections and governmental processes.

Summary of Bill: A bargaining representative or member of a bargaining unit for certified educational employees is prohibited from making a contribution to any candidate running for a school board.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.