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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would require a public school
9 district or any employee of a public school
10 district, as well as a public two-year or four-year
11 institution of higher learning or any employee of
12 such an institution, to grant all professional
13 educators' associations the same level of access to
14 employees of the public school district or
15 institution.

16 This bill would also require a public
17 two-year or four-year institution of higher
18 learning with a teacher education program, as well
19 as employees of a teacher education program, to
20 grant all professional educators' associations the
21 same level of access to students enrolled in the
22 teacher education program.

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24 A BILL
25 TO BE ENTITLED
26 AN ACT
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1 Relating to public education; to require a public
2 school district or any employee of a public school district,
3 as well as a public two-year or four-year institution of
4 higher learning or any employee of such an institution, to
5 grant all professional educators' associations the same level
6 of access to employees of the public school district or
7 institution; and to require a public two-year or four-year
8 institution of higher learning with a teacher education
9 program, as well as employees of a teacher education program,
10 to grant all professional educators' associations the same
11 level of access to students enrolled in the teacher education
12 program.

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

14 Section 1. (a) A public school district or any
15 employee of a public school district shall grant all
16 professional educators' associations the same level of access
17 to employees of the public school district. No professional
18 educators' association shall have a level of access to
19 employees of the public school district that is greater than
20 or less than any other professional educators' association.

21 (b) A public two-year or four-year institution of
22 higher learning or any employee of such an institution shall
23 grant all professional educators' associations the same level
24 of access to employees of the institution. No professional
25 educators' association shall have a level of access to
26 employees of a public two-year or four-year institution of

1 higher learning that is greater than or less than any other
2 professional educators' association.

3 (c) A public two-year or four-year institution of
4 higher learning that has a teacher education program, as well
5 as all of the employees of a teacher education program, shall
6 grant all professional educators' associations the same level
7 of access to students enrolled in the program. No professional
8 educators' association shall have a level of access to
9 students enrolled in a public two-year or four-year
10 institution of higher learning's teacher education program
11 that is greater than or less than any other professional
12 educators' association.

13 (d) For purposes of this section, access shall
14 include, but is not limited to, all of the following:

15 (1) Setting up informational tables at inservice or
16 other similar meetings.

17 (2) Speaking at inservice or other similar meetings.

18 (3) Distributing information in a school's or
19 institution's mail boxes or through a school's or
20 institution's email system.

21 (4) Utilizing a school's or institution's meeting
22 rooms during nonworking hours.

23 (5) Representing employees in employment matters,
24 when requested by the employee.

25 (6) Posting information on school or institution
26 bulletin boards.

1 Section 2. This act shall become effective
2 immediately upon its passage and approval by the Governor, or
3 its otherwise becoming law.