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HB4674

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

5 ILCS 315/6 115 ILCS 5/8.5 new from Ch. 48, par. 1606

Amends the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act. Provides that a public employer is prohibited from providing the exclusive bargaining representative the social security numbers of public employees in the bargaining unit and the exclusive bargaining representative is prohibited from requesting the social security numbers of public employees in the bargaining unit. Amends the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act to make similar changes. Effective immediately.

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AN ACT concerning government.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Illinois Public Labor Relations Act is 5 amended by changing Section 6 as follows:

6 (5 ILCS 315/6) (from Ch. 48, par. 1606)

Sec. 6. Right to organize and bargain collectively;
exclusive representation; and fair share arrangements.

9 (a) Employees of the State and any political subdivision of the State, excluding employees of the General Assembly of the 10 State of Illinois and employees excluded from the definition of 11 "public employee" under subsection (n) of Section 3 of this 12 13 Act, have, and are protected in the exercise of, the right of 14 self-organization, and may form, join or assist any labor organization, to bargain collectively through representatives 15 of their own choosing on questions of wages, hours and other 16 conditions of employment, not excluded by Section 4 of this 17 Act, and to engage in other concerted activities not otherwise 18 19 prohibited by law for the purposes of collective bargaining or 20 other mutual aid or protection, free from interference, 21 restraint or coercion. Employees also have, and are protected 22 in the exercise of, the right to refrain from participating in any such concerted activities. Employees may be required, 23

pursuant to the terms of a lawful fair share agreement, to pay a fee which shall be their proportionate share of the costs of the collective bargaining process, contract administration and pursuing matters affecting wages, hours and other conditions of employment as defined in Section 3(g).

6 Nothing in this Act prevents an employee from (b) 7 presenting a grievance to the employer and having the grievance heard and settled without the intervention of an employee 8 9 organization; provided that the exclusive bargaining 10 representative is afforded the opportunity to be present at 11 such conference and that any settlement made shall not be 12 inconsistent with the terms of any agreement in effect between 13 the employer and the exclusive bargaining representative.

14 (c) A labor organization designated by the Board as the 15 representative of the majority of public employees in an 16 appropriate unit in accordance with the procedures herein or 17 recognized by a public employer as the representative of the majority of public employees in an appropriate unit is the 18 exclusive representative for the employees of such unit for the 19 20 purpose of collective bargaining with respect to rates of pay, wages, hours and other conditions of employment not excluded by 21 22 Section 4 of this Act. A public employer is required upon 23 request to furnish the exclusive bargaining representative with a complete list of the names and addresses of the public 24 25 employees in the bargaining unit, provided that a public 26 employer shall not be required to furnish such a list more than

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1 exclusive once payroll period. The bargaining per 2 representative shall use the list exclusively for bargaining representation purposes and shall not disclose any information 3 contained in the list for any other purpose. A public employer 4 5 is prohibited from providing the exclusive bargaining representative the social security numbers of public employees 6 7 in the bargaining unit and the exclusive bargaining 8 representative is prohibited from requesting the social 9 security numbers of public employees in the bargaining unit. 10 Nothing in this Section, however, shall prohibit a bargaining 11 representative from disseminating a list of its union members.

12 (d) Labor organizations recognized by a public employer as 13 the exclusive representative or so designated in accordance with the provisions of this Act are 14 responsible for 15 representing the interests of all public employees in the unit. 16 Nothing herein shall be construed to limit an exclusive 17 representative's right to exercise its discretion to refuse to process grievances of employees that are unmeritorious. 18

19 (e) When a collective bargaining agreement is entered into 20 with an exclusive representative, it may include in the agreement a provision requiring employees covered by the 21 22 agreement who are not members of the organization to pay their 23 proportionate share of the costs of the collective bargaining administration and 24 process, contract pursuing matters 25 affecting wages, hours and conditions of employment, as defined 26 in Section 3 (g), but not to exceed the amount of dues

1 uniformly required of members. The organization shall certify 2 to the employer the amount constituting each nonmember 3 employee's proportionate share which shall not exceed dues 4 uniformly required of members. In such case, the proportionate 5 share payment in this Section shall be deducted by the employer 6 from the earnings of the nonmember employees and paid to the 7 employee organization.

8 Only the exclusive representative may negotiate (f) 9 provisions in a collective bargaining agreement providing for 10 the payroll deduction of labor organization dues, fair share 11 payment, initiation fees and assessments. Except as provided in 12 subsection (e) of this Section, any such deductions shall only 13 be made upon an employee's written authorization, and continued 14 until revoked in writing in the same manner or until the 15 termination date of an applicable collective bargaining 16 agreement. Such payments shall be paid to the exclusive 17 representative.

Where a collective bargaining agreement is terminated, or 18 continues in effect beyond its scheduled expiration date 19 20 pending the negotiation of a successor agreement or the resolution of an impasse under Section 14, the employer shall 21 22 continue to honor and abide by any dues deduction or fair share 23 clause contained therein until a new agreement is reached including dues deduction or a fair share clause. For the 24 25 benefit of any successor exclusive representative certified 26 under this Act, this provision shall be applicable, provided

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1 the successor exclusive representative:

2 (i) certifies to the employer the amount constituting 3 each non-member's proportionate share under subsection 4 (e); or

5 (ii) presents the employer with employee written 6 authorizations for the deduction of dues, assessments, and 7 fees under this subsection.

8 Failure to so honor and abide by dues deduction or fair 9 share clauses for the benefit of any exclusive representative, 10 including a successor, shall be a violation of the duty to 11 bargain and an unfair labor practice.

12 (g) Agreements containing a fair share agreement must 13 safeguard the right of nonassociation of employees based upon 14 bona fide religious tenets or teachings of a church or religious body of which such employees are members. Such 15 16 employees may be required to pay an amount equal to their fair 17 share, determined under a lawful fair share agreement, to a nonreligious charitable organization mutually agreed upon by 18 19 the employees affected and the exclusive bargaining 20 representative to which such employees would otherwise pay such 21 service fee. If the affected employees and the bargaining 22 representative are unable to reach an agreement on the matter, 23 the Board may establish an approved list of charitable 24 organizations to which such payments may be made.

25 (Source: P.A. 97-1172, eff. 4-5-13.)

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- Section 10. The Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act is
 amended by adding Section 8.5 as follows:
- (115 ILCS 5/8.5 new)
 Sec. 8.5. Nondisclosure of social security numbers. An
 employer is prohibited from providing the exclusive bargaining
 representative the social security numbers of employees in the
 bargaining unit and the exclusive bargaining representative is
 prohibited from requesting the social security numbers of
 employees in the bargaining unit.

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.