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SENATE BILL 13-017

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Marble,

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

Senate Committees
Education

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE TIME FRAME FOR A PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATOR TO
102 OPT IN OR OUT OF MEMBERSHIP IN A LABOR ORGANIZATION.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

The bill allows a public school educator to opt in or opt out of his or her membership in a labor organization at any time.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

1 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 22-63-105 as
2 follows:

3 **22-63-105. Membership in union - definitions.** (1) (a) AN
4 EDUCATOR MAY JOIN OR TERMINATE MEMBERSHIP IN A LABOR
5 ORGANIZATION AT ANY TIME. A LABOR ORGANIZATION OR EMPLOYER MAY
6 NOT PLACE A RESTRICTION ON THE TIME THAT AN EDUCATOR MAY JOIN OR
7 TERMINATE MEMBERSHIP IN A LABOR ORGANIZATION.

8 (b) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE
9 REQUIRES:

10 (I) "EDUCATOR" MEANS A PERSON EMPLOYED IN A SCHOOL
11 DISTRICT OR A PUBLIC SCHOOL AS DEFINED IN SECTION 22-1-101.

12 (II) "LABOR ORGANIZATION" MEANS A LAWFUL ORGANIZATION
13 THAT IS COMPOSED OF EDUCATORS AND THAT EXISTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF
14 DEALING WITH EMPLOYERS CONCERNING GRIEVANCES, LABOR DISPUTES,
15 WAGES, RATES OF PAY, HOURS OF EMPLOYMENT, OR OTHER TERMS AND
16 CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT. "LABOR ORGANIZATION" INCLUDES A
17 LABOR UNION EXEMPT FROM TAXATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 501 (c)(5)
18 OF THE FEDERAL "INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986", AS AMENDED, AND
19 A PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION EXEMPT FROM TAXATION
20 PURSUANT TO SECTION 501 (c)(6) OF THE FEDERAL "INTERNAL REVENUE
21 CODE OF 1986", AS AMENDED.

22 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
23 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
24 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.