

Legislative Analysis



NO PUBLIC FUNDS FOR MEMBERSHIP DUES

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House Bill 5424 as introduced
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 5424 would amend the Revised School Code to provide that school districts, intermediate school districts (ISDs) and public school academies (PSAs, or charter schools) could not use their *public funds* for the payment or reimbursement of *membership dues* for specified individuals or positions.

Public funds would mean funds generated from taxes levied under the code or state appropriations of state or federal funds.

Membership dues would include dues or fees associated with participation in a trade union or education association.

By January 1, 2023, each board of a district or ISD and board of directors of a PSA would have to adopt and implement a policy to prohibit the use of public funds under its control from being used for membership dues for any of the following individuals:

- Members of the board or board of directors, as applicable.
- Superintendents
- Assistant superintendents.
- Principals or chief administrators, as applicable.
- Assistant principals or assistant chief administrators, as applicable.
- School building directors.
- School building liaisons.
- Central office administrators and staff of the central office administrators.
- Teachers.

Proposed MCL 380.1254a

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no impact on the state and could have an indeterminate impact on local school districts, ISDs, and PSAs. A district, ISD, or PSA that was using public funds for membership dues would be prohibited from continuing to spend those funds under the bill. It would be up to the district, ISD, or PSA to determine how funds previously dedicated to membership dues would be allocated.

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