

SENATE BILL NO. 894

February 24, 2022, Introduced by Senators GEISS, ALEXANDER, HOLLIER, HERTEL, BAYER, MOSS, CHANG, BULLOCK, MCMORROW, POLEHANKI, BRINKS, WOJNO, IRWIN and MCCANN and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to amend 1947 PA 336, entitled

"An act to prohibit strikes by certain public employees; to provide review from disciplinary action with respect thereto; to provide for the mediation of grievances and the holding of elections; to declare and protect the rights and privileges of public employees; to require certain provisions in collective bargaining agreements; to prescribe means of enforcement and penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act; and to make appropriations,"

by amending section 15 (MCL 423.215), as amended by 2014 PA 414.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 15. (1) A public employer shall bargain collectively with

1 the representatives of its employees as described in section 11 and
 2 may make and enter into collective bargaining agreements with those
 3 representatives. Except as otherwise provided in this section, for
 4 the purposes of this section, to bargain collectively is to perform
 5 the mutual obligation of the employer and the representative of the
 6 employees to meet at reasonable times and confer in good faith with
 7 respect to wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of
 8 employment, or to negotiate an agreement, or any question arising
 9 under the agreement, and to execute a written contract, ordinance,
 10 or resolution incorporating any agreement reached if requested by
 11 either party, but this obligation does not compel either party to
 12 agree to a proposal or make a concession.

13 (2) A public school employer ~~has the responsibility,~~
 14 ~~authority, and right to~~ **shall** manage and direct on behalf of the
 15 public the operations and activities of the public schools under
 16 its control.

17 (3) Collective bargaining between a public school employer and
 18 a bargaining representative of its employees ~~shall~~ **must** not include
 19 any of the following subjects:

20 (a) Who is or will be the policyholder of an employee group
 21 insurance benefit. This subdivision does not affect the duty to
 22 bargain with respect to types and levels of benefits and coverages
 23 for employee group insurance. A change or proposed change in a type
 24 or to a level of benefit, policy specification, or coverage for
 25 employee group insurance ~~shall~~ **must** be bargained by the public
 26 school employer and the bargaining representative before the change
 27 may take effect.

28 (b) Establishment of the starting day for the school year and
 29 of the amount of pupil contact time required to receive full state

1 school aid under section 1284 of the revised school code, 1976 PA
 2 451, MCL 380.1284, and under section 101 of the state school aid
 3 act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1701.

4 (c) The composition of school improvement committees
 5 established under section 1277 of the revised school code, 1976 PA
 6 451, MCL 380.1277.

7 (d) The decision of whether or not to provide or allow
 8 interdistrict or intradistrict open enrollment opportunity in a
 9 school district or the selection of grade levels or schools in
 10 which to allow an open enrollment opportunity.

11 (e) The decision of whether or not to act as an authorizing
 12 body to grant a contract to organize and operate 1 or more public
 13 school academies under the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL
 14 380.1 to 380.1852.

15 ~~(f) The decision of whether or not to contract with a third~~
 16 ~~party for 1 or more noninstructional support services; or the~~
 17 ~~procedures for obtaining the contract for noninstructional support~~
 18 ~~services other than bidding described in this subdivision; or the~~
 19 ~~identity of the third party; or the impact of the contract for~~
 20 ~~noninstructional support services on individual employees or the~~
 21 ~~bargaining unit. However, this subdivision applies only if the~~
 22 ~~bargaining unit that is providing the noninstructional support~~
 23 ~~services is given an opportunity to bid on the contract for the~~
 24 ~~noninstructional support services on an equal basis as other~~
 25 ~~bidders.~~

26 (f) ~~(g)~~ The use of volunteers in providing services at its
 27 schools.

28 (g) ~~(h)~~ Decisions concerning use and staffing of experimental
 29 or pilot programs and decisions concerning use of technology to

1 deliver educational programs and services and staffing to provide
2 that technology, or the impact of those decisions on individual
3 employees or the bargaining unit.

4 **(h)** ~~(i)~~—Any compensation or additional work assignment
5 intended to reimburse an employee for or allow an employee to
6 recover any monetary penalty imposed under this act.

7 **(i)** ~~(j)~~—Any decision made by the public school employer
8 regarding teacher placement, or the impact of that decision on an
9 individual employee or the bargaining unit.

10 **(j)** ~~(k)~~—Decisions about the development, content, standards,
11 procedures, adoption, and implementation of the public school
12 employer's policies regarding personnel decisions when conducting a
13 staffing or program reduction or any other personnel determination
14 resulting in the elimination of a position, when conducting a
15 recall from a staffing or program reduction or any other personnel
16 determination resulting in the elimination of a position, or in
17 hiring after a staffing or program reduction or any other personnel
18 determination resulting in the elimination of a position, as
19 provided under section 1248 of the revised school code, 1976 PA
20 451, MCL 380.1248, any decision made by the public school employer
21 pursuant to those policies, or the impact of those decisions on an
22 individual employee or the bargaining unit.

23 **(k)** ~~(l)~~—Decisions about the development, content, standards,
24 procedures, adoption, and implementation of a public school
25 employer's performance evaluation system adopted under section 1249
26 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1249, or under
27 1937 (Ex Sess) PA 4, MCL 38.71 to 38.191, decisions concerning the
28 content of a performance evaluation of an employee under those
29 provisions of law, or the impact of those decisions on an

1 individual employee or the bargaining unit.

2 **(l)** ~~(m)~~—For public employees whose employment is regulated by
 3 1937 (Ex Sess) PA 4, MCL 38.71 to 38.191, decisions about the
 4 development, content, standards, procedures, adoption, and
 5 implementation of a policy regarding discharge or discipline of an
 6 employee, decisions concerning the discharge or discipline of an
 7 individual employee, or the impact of those decisions on an
 8 individual employee or the bargaining unit. For public employees
 9 whose employment is regulated by 1937 (Ex Sess) PA 4, MCL 38.71 to
 10 38.191, a public school employer shall not adopt, implement, or
 11 maintain a policy for discharge or discipline of an employee that
 12 includes a standard for discharge or discipline that is different
 13 than the arbitrary and capricious standard provided under section 1
 14 of article IV of 1937 (Ex Sess) PA 4, MCL 38.101.

15 **(m)** ~~(n)~~—Decisions about the format, timing, or number of
 16 classroom observations conducted for the purposes of section 3a of
 17 article II of 1937 (Ex Sess) PA 4, MCL 38.83a, decisions concerning
 18 the classroom observation of an individual employee, or the impact
 19 of those decisions on an individual employee or the bargaining
 20 unit.

21 **(n)** ~~(o)~~—Decisions about the development, content, standards,
 22 procedures, adoption, and implementation of the method of
 23 compensation required under section 1250 of the revised school
 24 code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1250, decisions about how an employee
 25 performance evaluation is used to determine performance-based
 26 compensation under section 1250 of the revised school code, 1976 PA
 27 451, MCL 380.1250, decisions concerning the performance-based
 28 compensation of an individual employee, or the impact of those
 29 decisions on an individual employee or the bargaining unit.

1 (o) ~~(p)~~ Decisions about the development, format, content, and
 2 procedures of the notification to parents and legal guardians
 3 required under section 1249a of the revised school code, 1976 PA
 4 451, MCL 380.1249a.

5 (p) ~~(q)~~ Any requirement that would violate section 10(3).

6 (4) ~~Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) (f), the~~ **The**
 7 matters described in subsection (3) are prohibited subjects of
 8 bargaining between a public school employer and a bargaining
 9 representative of its employees, and, for the purposes of this act,
 10 are within the sole authority of the public school employer to
 11 decide.

12 ~~(5) If a public school is placed in the state school
 13 reform/redesign school district or is placed under a chief
 14 executive officer under section 1280c of the revised school code,
 15 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1280c, then, for the purposes of collective
 16 bargaining under this act, the state school reform/redesign officer
 17 or the chief executive officer, as applicable, is the public school
 18 employer of the public school employees of that public school for
 19 as long as the public school is part of the state school
 20 reform/redesign school district or operated by the chief executive
 21 officer.~~

22 ~~(6) A public school employer's collective bargaining duty
 23 under this act and a collective bargaining agreement entered into
 24 by a public school employer under this act are subject to all of
 25 the following:~~

26 ~~(a) Any effect on collective bargaining and any modification
 27 of a collective bargaining agreement occurring under section 1280c
 28 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1280c.~~

29 ~~(b) For a public school in which the superintendent of public~~

1 ~~instruction implements 1 of the 4 school intervention models~~
2 ~~described in section 1280c of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451,~~
3 ~~MCL 380.1280c, if the school intervention model that is implemented~~
4 ~~affects collective bargaining or requires modification of a~~
5 ~~collective bargaining agreement, any effect on collective~~
6 ~~bargaining and any modification of a collective bargaining~~
7 ~~agreement under that school intervention model.~~

8 **(5)** ~~(7)~~—Each collective bargaining agreement entered into
9 between a public employer and public employees under this act on or
10 after March 28, 2013 shall include a provision that allows an
11 emergency manager appointed under the local financial stability and
12 choice act, 2012 PA 436, MCL 141.1541 to 141.1575, to reject,
13 modify, or terminate the collective bargaining agreement as
14 provided in the local financial stability and choice act, 2012 PA
15 436, MCL 141.1541 to 141.1575. Provisions required by this
16 subsection are prohibited subjects of bargaining under this act.

17 **(6)** ~~(8)~~—Collective bargaining agreements under this act may be
18 rejected, modified, or terminated pursuant to the local financial
19 stability and choice act, 2012 PA 436, MCL 141.1541 to 141.1575.
20 This act does not confer a right to bargain that would infringe on
21 the exercise of powers under the local financial stability and
22 choice act, 2012 PA 436, MCL 141.1541 to 141.1575.

23 **(7)** ~~(9)~~—A unit of local government that enters into a consent
24 agreement under the local financial stability and choice act, 2012
25 PA 436, MCL 141.1541 to 141.1575, is not subject to subsection (1)
26 for the term of the consent agreement, as provided in the local
27 financial stability and choice act, 2012 PA 436, MCL 141.1541 to
28 141.1575.

29 **(8)** ~~(10)~~—If the charter of a city, village, or township with a

1 population of 500,000 or more requires and specifies the method of
2 selection of a retirant member of the municipality's fire
3 department, police department, or fire and police department
4 pension or retirement board, the inclusion of the retirant member
5 on the board and the method of selection of that retirant member
6 are prohibited subjects of collective bargaining, and any provision
7 in a collective bargaining agreement that purports to modify that
8 charter requirement is void and of no effect.

9 **(9)** ~~(11)~~—The following are prohibited subjects of bargaining
10 and are at the sole discretion of the public employer:

11 (a) A decision as to whether or not the public employer will
12 enter into an intergovernmental agreement to consolidate 1 or more
13 functions or services, to jointly perform 1 or more functions or
14 services, or to otherwise collaborate regarding 1 or more functions
15 or services.

16 (b) The procedures for obtaining a contract for the transfer
17 of functions or responsibilities under an agreement described in
18 subdivision (a).

19 (c) The identities of any other parties to an agreement
20 described in subdivision (a).

21 **(10)** ~~(12)~~—Subsection ~~(11)~~—**(9)** does not relieve a public
22 employer of any duty established by law to collectively bargain
23 with its employees as to the effect of a contract described in
24 subsection ~~(11)(a)~~—**(9) (a)** on its employees.

25 **(11)** ~~(13)~~—An agreement with a collective bargaining unit ~~shall~~
26 **must** not require a public employer to pay the costs of an
27 independent examiner verification described in section 10(9).