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June 29, 2020

**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Honorable Clay J. Schexnayder  
Speaker of the House  
Louisiana House of Representatives  
Post Office Box 94062  
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RE: Veto of House Bill 256 of the 2021 Regular Session

Dear Speaker Schexnayder:

Please be advised that I have vetoed House Bill 256 of the 2021 Regular Session.

The bill will limit the ability of certain school boards to enter into exclusive contracts, thus limiting the ability of those Boards to manage their business in the manner they see fit. There is long-standing jurisprudence that a local school board has the right to enter into exclusive contracts with organizations in order to effectively and efficiently accomplish its objectives and purposes. This bill would most certainly violate Article 1, §23 of the Louisiana Constitution and unconstitutionally impair existing contracts between school boards and other parties. If enacted into law, House Bill 256 could lead to costly and time consuming litigation. This bill does not serve the best interest of the state, school boards, or students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Bel Edwards".

John Bel Edwards  
Governor

cc: Honorable Patrick Page Cortez  
Louisiana Senate President

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 256

BY REPRESENTATIVE TARVER

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:438(E) and to repeal R.S. 17:438(D), relative to permitted withholdings from a school employee's paycheck; to authorize employees of certain school boards to have dues for an organization withheld from their paychecks; to require school employees to annually authorize any deductions made from their earnings; and to provide for related matters.

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House of Representatives

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE  
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*Michelle D. Leland*

Clerk of the House of Representatives

2021 Regular Session

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:438(E) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§438. Permitted withholdings; exceptions

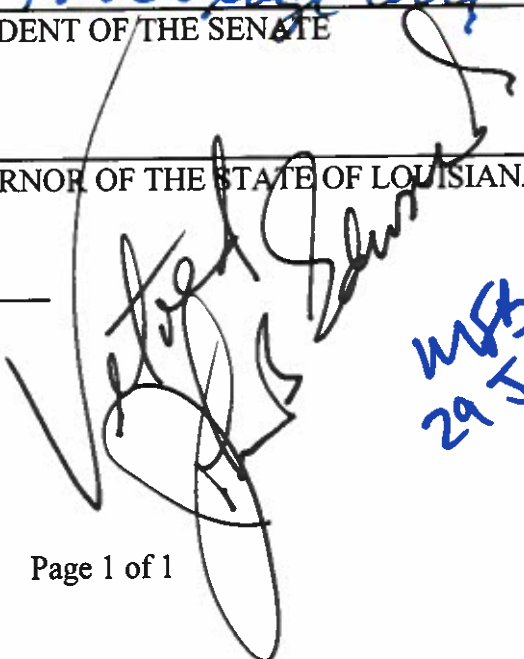
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E. Each school employee shall annually authorize any deductions made from their earnings pursuant to this Section.

Section 2. R.S. 17:438(D) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

  
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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

  
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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

*MSB  
29 June 2021*