



2025 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 159

Introduced by: **Senator Peterson (Sue)**

1 **An Act to establish informational and membership requirements for a labor union,**
2 **organization, or association and provide a penalty therefor.**

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 **Section 1. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 60-9:**

5 Upon enrollment of a member, a labor union, organization, or association must
6 provide a document stating the services that the labor union, organization, or association
7 provides as a benefit of membership and the obligations of the labor union, organization,
8 or association to the member.

9 A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

10 **Section 2. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 60-9:**

11 A labor union, organization, or association must prepare and update, as necessary,
12 a document stating:

13 (1) How membership fees collected by the labor union, organization, or association are
14 spent; and

15 (2) The amount of membership fees that are forwarded to other labor unions,
16 organizations, or associations, by name.

17 The document must be provided to a prospective member prior to enrollment, to
18 a member prior to reenrollment, and upon the request by a member.

19 A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

20 **Section 3. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 60-9:**

21 A labor union, organization, or association shall permit a member to withdraw from
22 membership at any time. The labor union, organization, or association shall prorate any
23 dues paid by the member and refund the dues, within thirty days of the withdrawal.

24 A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.