

2025 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 159**AMENDMENT 159A
FOR THE INTRODUCED BILL**

1 **An Act to establish informational and membership requirements for a public labor**
2 **union, ~~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 public labor union, ~~organization, or association~~
6 must provide a document stating the services that the public labor union, ~~organization, or~~
7 ~~association~~ provides as a benefit of membership and the obligations of the public labor
8 union, ~~organization, 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 public labor union, ~~organization, or association~~ must prepare ~~and~~, update, ~~as~~
12 ~~necessary and publish, at least annually, on the public labor union's website~~ a document
13 stating:

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

16 (2) The amount of membership fees that are forwarded to other labor unions,
17 organizations, or associations, ~~political candidates, or political organizations,~~ by
18 name.

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

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

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

23 A public labor union, ~~organization, or association~~ shall permit a member to
24 withdraw from membership at any time. The public labor union, ~~organization, or~~

- 1 ~~association~~ shall prorate any dues paid by the member and refund the dues, within thirty
- 2 days of the withdrawal.
- 3 A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

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