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CHAPTER 10 MEYERS-MILIAS-BROWN ACT

LOCAL PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS

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3500. Purpose and intent

(a) It is the purpose of this chapter to promote full communication between public employers and their employees by providing a reasonable method of resolving disputes regarding wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment between public employers and public employee organizations. It is also the purpose of this chapter to promote the improvement of personnel management and employer-employee relations within the various public agencies in the State of California by providing a uniform basis for recognizing the right of public employees to join organizations of their own choice and be represented by those organizations in their employment relationships with public agencies. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to supersede the provisions of existing state law and the charters, ordinances, and rules of local public agencies that establish and regulate a merit or civil service system or which provide for other methods of administering employer-employee relations nor is it intended that this chapter be binding upon those public agencies that provide procedures for the administration of employer-employee relations in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. This chapter is intended, instead, to strengthen merit, civil service and other methods of administering employer-employee relations through the establishment of uniform and orderly methods of communication between employees and the public agencies by which they are employed.

(b) The Legislature finds and declares that the duties and responsibilities of local agency employer representatives under this chapter are substantially similar to the duties and responsibilities required under existing collective bargaining enforcement procedures and therefore the costs incurred by the local agency employer representatives in performing those duties and responsibilities under this chapter are not reimbursable as state-mandated costs.

3500.5 Short title

This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Meyers-Milias-Brown Act."

3501. Definitions

As used in this chapter:

(a) "Employee organization" means either of the following:

(1) Any organization that includes employees of a public agency and that has as one of its primary purposes representing those employees in their relations with that public agency.

(2) Any organization that seeks to represent employees of a public agency in their relations with that public agency.

(b) "Recognized employee organization" means an employee organization which has been formally acknowledged by the public agency as an employee organization that represents employees of the public agency.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, "public agency" means every governmental subdivision, every district, every public and quasi-public corporation, every public agency and public service corporation and every town, city, county, city and county and municipal corporation, whether incorporated or not and whether chartered or not. As used in this chapter, "public agency" does not mean a school district or a county board of education or a county superintendent of schools or a personnel commission in a school district having a merit system as provided in Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 45100) of Part 25 and Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 88000) of Part 51 of the Education Code or the State of California.

(d) "Public employee" means any person employed by any public agency, including employees of the fire departments and fire services of counties, cities, cities and counties, districts, and other political subdivisions of the state, excepting those persons elected by popular vote or appointed to office by the Governor of this state.

(e) "Mediation" means effort by an impartial third party to assist in reconciling a dispute regarding wages, hours and other terms

and conditions of employment between representatives of the public agency and the recognized employee organization or recognized employee organizations through interpretation, suggestion and advice.

(f) "Board" means the Public Employment Relations Board established pursuant to Section 3541.

3501.5. Public agency

As used in this chapter, "public agency" does not mean a superior court.

3502. Right to join or abstain; individual representation

Except as otherwise provided by the Legislature, public employees shall have the right to form, join, and participate in the activities of employee organizations of their own choosing for the purpose of representation on all matters of employer-employee relations. Public employees also shall have the right to refuse to join or participate in the activities of employee organizations and shall have the right to represent themselves individually in their employment relations with the public agency.

3502.1. Exercise of lawful action as elected, appointed or recognized representative of any employee bargaining unit

No public employee shall be subject to punitive action or denied promotion, or threatened with any such treatment, for the exercise of lawful action as an elected, appointed, or recognized representative of any employee bargaining unit.

3502.5. Agency shop agreements; payments in lieu of dues or fees; rescission; application; records

(a) Notwithstanding Section 3502, any other provision of this chapter, or any other law, rule, or regulation, an agency shop agreement may be negotiated between a public agency and a recognized public employee organization that has been recognized as the exclusive or majority bargaining agent pursuant to reasonable rules and regulations, ordinances, and enactments, in accordance with this chapter. As used in this chapter, "agency shop" means an arrangement that requires an employee, as a condition of continued employment, either to join the recognized employee organization or to pay the organization a service fee in an amount not to exceed the standard initiation fee, periodic dues, and general assessments of the organization.

(b) In addition to the procedure prescribed in subdivision (a), an agency shop arrangement between the public agency and a recognized employee organization that has been recognized as the exclusive or majority bargaining agent shall be placed in effect, without a negotiated agreement, upon (1) a signed petition of 30 percent of the employees in the applicable bargaining unit requesting an agency shop agreement and an election to implement an agency fee arrangement, and (2) the approval of a majority of employees who cast ballots and vote in a secret ballot election in favor of the agency shop agreement. The petition may be filed only after the recognized employee organization has requested the public agency to negotiate on an agency shop arrangement and, beginning seven working days after the public agency received this request, the two parties have had 30 calendar days to attempt good faith negotiations in an effort to reach agreement. An election that may not be held more frequently than once a year shall be conducted by the Division of Conciliation of the Department of Industrial Relations in the event that the public agency and the recognized employee organization cannot agree within 10 days from the filing of the petition to select jointly a neutral person or entity to conduct the election. In the event of an agency fee arrangement outside of an agreement that is in effect, the recognized employee organization shall indemnify and hold the public agency harmless against any liability arising from a claim, demand, or other action relating to the public agency's compliance with the agency fee obligation.

(c) An employee who is a member of a bona fide religion, body, or sect that has historically held conscientious objections to joining or financially supporting public employee organizations shall not be required to join or financially support a public employee organization as a condition of employment. The employee may be required, in lieu of periodic dues, initiation fees, or agency shop fees, to pay sums equal to the dues, initiation fees, or agency shop fees to a nonreligious, nonlabor charitable fund exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, chosen by the employee from a list of at least three of these funds, designated in a memorandum of understanding between the public agency and the public employee organization, or if the memorandum of understanding fails to designate the funds, then to a fund of that type chosen by the employee. Proof of the payments shall be made on a monthly basis to the public agency as a condition of continued exemption from the requirement of financial support to the public employee organization.

(d) An agency shop provision in a memorandum of understanding that is in effect may be rescinded by a majority vote of all the employees in the unit covered by the memorandum of understanding, provided that: (1) a request for that type of vote is supported by a petition containing the signatures of at least 30 percent of the employees in the unit, (2) the vote is by secret ballot, and (3) the vote may be taken at any time during the term of the memorandum of understanding, but in no event shall there be more than one vote taken during that term. Notwithstanding the above, the public agency and the recognized employee organization may negotiate, and by mutual agreement provide for, an alternative procedure or procedures regarding a vote on an agency shop agreement. The procedures in this subdivision are also applicable to an agency shop agreement placed in effect pursuant to subdivision (b).

(e) An agency shop arrangement shall not apply to management employees.

(f) A recognized employee organization that has agreed to an agency shop provision or is a party to an agency shop arrangement

shall keep an adequate itemized record of its financial transactions and shall make available annually, to the public agency with which the agency shop provision was negotiated, and to the employees who are members of the organization, within 60 days after the end of its fiscal year, a detailed written financial report thereof in the form of a balance sheet and an operating statement, certified as to accuracy by its president and treasurer or corresponding principal officer, or by a certified public accountant. An employee organization required to file financial reports under the federal Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959 (29 U.S.C. Sec. 401 et seq.) covering employees governed by this chapter, or required to file financial reports under Section 3546.5, may satisfy the financial reporting requirement of this section by providing the public agency with a copy of the financial reports.

3503. Representation of members; membership admission and dismissal regulation; right of personal appearance

Recognized employee organizations shall have the right to represent their members in their employment relations with public agencies. Employee organizations may establish reasonable restrictions regarding who may join and may make reasonable provisions for the dismissal of individuals from membership. Nothing in this section shall prohibit any employee from appearing in his own behalf in his employment relations with the public agency.

3504. Scope of representation

The scope of representation shall include all matters relating to employment conditions and employer-employee relations, including, but not limited to, wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment, except, however, that the scope of representation shall not include consideration of the merits, necessity, or organization of any service or activity provided by law or executive order.

3504.5. Notice of proposed act relating to matters within scope of representation; meeting; emergencies

(a) Except in cases of emergency as provided in this section, the governing body of a public agency, and boards and commissions designated by law or by the governing body of a public agency, shall give reasonable written notice to each recognized employee organization affected of any ordinance, rule, resolution, or regulation directly relating to matters within the scope of representation proposed to be adopted by the governing body or the designated boards and commissions and shall give the recognized employee organization the opportunity to meet with the governing body or the boards and commissions.

(b) In cases of emergency when the governing body or the designated boards and commissions determine that an ordinance, rule, resolution, or regulation must be adopted immediately without prior notice or meeting with a recognized employee organization, the governing body or the boards and commissions shall provide notice and opportunity to meet at the earliest practicable time following the adoption of the ordinance, rule, resolution, or regulation.

(c) The governing body of a public agency with a population in excess of 4,000,000, or the boards and commissions designated by the governing body of such a public agency shall not discriminate against employees by removing or disqualifying them from a health benefit plan, or otherwise restricting their ability to participate in a health benefit plan, on the basis that the employees have selected or supported a recognized employee organization. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the governing body of a public agency or the board or commission of a public agency and a recognized employee organization from agreeing to health benefit plan enrollment criteria or eligibility limitations.

3505. Conferences; meet and confer in good faith

The governing body of a public agency, or such boards, commissions, administrative officers or other representatives as may be properly designated by law or by such governing body, shall meet and confer in good faith regarding wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment with representatives of such recognized employee organizations, as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 3501, and shall consider fully such presentations as are made by the employee organization on behalf of its members prior to arriving at a determination of policy or course of action.

"Meet and confer in good faith" means that a public agency, or such representatives as it may designate, and representatives of recognized employee organizations, shall have the mutual obligation personally to meet and confer promptly upon request by either party and continue for a reasonable period of time in order to exchange freely information, opinions, and proposals, and to endeavor to reach agreement on matters within the scope of representation prior to the adoption by the public agency of its final budget for the ensuing year. The process should include adequate time for the resolution of impasses where specific procedures for such resolution are contained in local rule, regulation, or ordinance, or when such procedures are utilized by mutual consent.

3505.1. Memorandum of agreement

If agreement is reached by the representatives of the public agency and a recognized employee organization or recognized employee organizations, they shall jointly prepare a written memorandum of such understanding, which shall not be binding, and present it to the governing body or its statutory representative for determination.

3505.2. Mediation; appointment of mediator; costs

If after a reasonable period of time, representatives of the public agency and the recognized employee organization fail to reach agreement, the public agency and the recognized employee organization or recognized employee organizations together may agree upon the appointment of a mediator mutually agreeable to the parties.

Costs of mediation shall be divided one-half to the public agency and one-half to the recognized employee organization or recognized employee organizations.

3505.3. Time off allowances to employee representatives

Public agencies shall allow a reasonable number of public agency employee representatives of recognized employee organizations reasonable time off without loss of compensation or other benefits when formally meeting and conferring with representatives of the public agency on matters within the scope of representation.

3505.4. Impasse; implementation of last, best, and final offer

If after meeting and conferring in good faith, an impasse has been reached between the public agency and the recognized employee organization, and impasse procedures, where applicable, have been exhausted, a public agency that is not required to proceed to interest arbitration may implement its last, best, and final offer, but shall not implement a memorandum of understanding. The unilateral implementation of a public agency's last, best, and final offer shall not deprive a recognized employee organization of the right each year to meet and confer on matters within the scope of representation, whether or not those matters are included in the unilateral implementation, prior to the adoption by the public agency of its annual budget, or as otherwise required by law.

3506. Discrimination prohibited

Public agencies and employee organizations shall not interfere with, intimidate, restrain, coerce or discriminate against public employees because of their exercise of their rights under Section 3502.

3507. Rules and regulations

(a) A public agency may adopt reasonable rules and regulations after consultation in good faith with representatives of a recognized employee organization or organizations for the administration of employer-employee relations under this chapter. The rules and regulations may include provisions for all of the following:

- (1) Verifying that an organization does in fact represent employees of the public agency.
 - (2) Verifying the official status of employee organization officers and representatives.
 - (3) Recognition of employee organizations.
 - (4) Exclusive recognition of employee organizations formally recognized pursuant to a vote of the employees of the agency or an appropriate unit thereof, subject to the right of an employee to represent himself or herself as provided in Section 3502.
 - (5) Additional procedures for the resolution of disputes involving wages, hours and other terms and conditions of employment.
 - (6) Access of employee organization officers and representatives to work locations.
 - (7) Use of official bulletin boards and other means of communication by employee organizations.
 - (8) Furnishing nonconfidential information pertaining to employment relations to employee organizations.
 - (9) Any other matters that are necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.
- (b) Exclusive recognition of employee organizations formally recognized as majority representatives pursuant to a vote of the employees may be revoked by a majority vote of the employees only after a period of not less than 12 months following the date of recognition.
- (c) No public agency shall unreasonably withhold recognition of employee organizations.
- (d) Employees and employee organizations shall be able to challenge a rule or regulation of a public agency as a violation of this chapter. This subdivision shall not be construed to restrict or expand the board's jurisdiction or authority as set forth in subdivisions (a) to (c), inclusive, of Section 3509.

3507.1. Unit determinations and representation elections; grant by public agency of exclusive or majority recognition to employee organization based on signed petition, authorization cards or union membership cards; neutral third-party determination

(a) Unit determinations and representation elections shall be determined and processed in accordance with rules adopted by a public agency in accordance with this chapter. In a representation election, a majority of the votes cast by the employees in the appropriate bargaining unit shall be required.

(b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a) and rules adopted by a public agency pursuant to Section 3507, a bargaining unit in effect as of the effective date of this section shall continue in effect unless changed under the rules adopted by a public agency pursuant to Section 3507.

(c) A public agency shall grant exclusive or majority recognition to an employee organization based on a signed petition, authorization cards, or union membership cards showing that a majority of the employees in an appropriate bargaining unit desire the representation, unless another labor organization has previously been lawfully recognized as exclusive or majority representative of all or part of the same unit. Exclusive or majority representation shall be determined by a neutral third party selected by the public agency and the employee organization who shall review the signed petition, authorization cards, or union membership cards to verify the exclusive or majority status of the employee organization. In the event the public agency and the employee organization cannot agree on a neutral third party, the Division of Conciliation of the Department of Industrial Relations shall be the neutral third party and shall verify the exclusive or majority status of the employee organization. In the event that the neutral third party determines, based on a signed petition, authorization cards, or union membership cards, that a second labor organization has the support of at least 30 percent of the employees in the unit in which recognition is sought, the neutral third party shall order an election to establish which labor organization, if any, has majority status.

3507.3. Professional employees; representation; submission of dispute to division of conciliation

Professional employees shall not be denied the right to be represented separately from nonprofessional employees by a professional employee organization consisting of such professional employees. In the event of a dispute on the appropriateness of a unit of representation for professional employees, upon request of any of the parties, the dispute shall be submitted to the Division of Conciliation of the Department of Industrial Relations for mediation or for recommendation for resolving the dispute.

"Professional employees," for the purposes of this section, means employees engaged in work requiring specialized knowledge and skills attained through completion of a recognized course of instruction, including, but not limited to, attorneys, physicians, registered nurses, engineers, architects, teachers, and the various types of physical, chemical, and biological scientists.

3507.5. Designation of management and confidential employees of public agency

In addition to those rules and regulations a public agency may adopt pursuant to and in the same manner as in Section 3507, any such agency may adopt reasonable rules and regulations providing for designation of the management and confidential employees of the public agency and restricting such employees from representing any employee organization, which represents other employees of the public agency, on matters within the scope of representation. Except as specifically provided otherwise in this chapter, this section does not otherwise limit the right of employees to be members of and to hold office in an employee organization.

3508. Law enforcement positions; exclusion from employee organizations; classification of positions in specified counties

(a) The governing body of a public agency may, in accordance with reasonable standards, designate positions or classes of positions which have duties consisting primarily of the enforcement of state laws or local ordinances, and may by resolution or ordinance adopted after a public hearing, limit or prohibit the right of employees in these positions or classes of positions to form, join, or participate in employee organizations where it is in the public interest to do so. However, the governing body may not prohibit the right of its employees who are full-time "peace officers," as that term is defined in Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 830) of Title 3 of Part 2 of the Penal Code, to join or participate in employee organizations which are composed solely of those peace officers, which concern themselves solely and exclusively with the wages, hours, working conditions, welfare programs, and advancement of the academic and vocational training in furtherance of the police profession, and which are not subordinate to any other organization.

(b) (1) This subdivision shall apply only to a county of the seventh class.

(2) For the purposes of this section, no distinction shall be made between a position designated as a peace officer position by Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 830) of Title 3 of Part 2 of the Penal Code at the time of the enactment of the 1971 amendments to this section, and a welfare fraud investigator or inspector position designated as a peace officer position by any amendment to that Chapter 4.5 at any time after the enactment of the 1971 amendments to this section.

(3) It is the intent of this subdivision to overrule *San Bernardino County Sheriff's Etc. Assn. v. Board of Supervisors* (1992) 7 Cal.App.4th 602, 611, with respect to San Bernardino County designating a welfare fraud investigator or inspector as a peace officer under this section.

(c) (1) This subdivision shall apply only to a county of the seventh class and shall not become operative until it is approved by the county board of supervisors by ordinance or resolution.

(2) For the purposes of this section, no distinction shall be made between a position designated as a peace officer position by Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 830) of Title 3 of Part 2 of the Penal Code at the time of the enactment of the 1971 amendments to this section, and a probation corrections officer position designated as a peace officer position by any amendment to that Chapter 4.5 at any time after the enactment of the 1971 amendments to this section.

(3) It is the intent of this subdivision to overrule *San Bernardino County Sheriff's Etc. Assn. v. Board of Supervisors* (1992) 7 Cal.App.4th 602, 611, to the extent that it holds that this section prohibits the County of San Bernardino from designating the classifications of Probation Corrections Officers and Supervising Probation Corrections Officers as peace officers. Those officers shall not be designated as peace officers for purposes of this section unless that action is approved by the county board of supervisors by ordinance or resolution.

(4) Upon approval by the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County, this subdivision shall apply to petitions filed in May 2001 by Probation Corrections Officers and Supervising Probation Corrections Officers.

(d) The right of employees to form, join and participate in the activities of employee organizations shall not be restricted by a public agency on any grounds other than those set forth in this section.

3508.1. Police employees; investigation of misconduct allegations and notification of any proposed disciplinary actions; limitations period; exceptions.

(a) With respect to any police employee, except as provided in this subdivision and subdivision (d), no punitive action, nor denial of promotion on grounds other than merit, shall be undertaken for any act, omission, or other allegation of misconduct if the investigation of the allegation is not completed within one year of the public agency's discovery by a person authorized to initiate an investigation of the allegation of an act, omission, or other misconduct. This one-year limitation period shall apply only if the act, omission, or other misconduct occurred on or after January 1, 2002. In the event that the public agency determines that discipline may be taken, it shall complete its investigation and notify the police employee of its proposed disciplinary action within that year, except in any of the following circumstances:

(1) If the act, omission, or other allegation of misconduct is also the subject of a criminal investigation or criminal prosecution, the time during which the criminal investigation or criminal prosecution is pending shall toll the one-year time period.

(2) If the police employee waives the one-year time period in writing, the time period shall be tolled for the period of time specified in the written waiver.

(3) If the investigation is a multijurisdictional investigation that requires a reasonable extension for coordination of the involved agencies.

(4) If the investigation involves more than one employee and requires a reasonable extension.

(5) If the investigation involves an employee who is incapacitated or otherwise unavailable, the time during which the person is incapacitated or unavailable shall toll the one-year period.

(6) If the investigation involves a matter in civil litigation in which the police employee is named as a party defendant, the one-year time period shall be tolled while the civil action is pending.

(7) If the investigation involves a matter in criminal litigation in which the complainant is a criminal defendant, the one-year time period shall be tolled during the period of that defendant's criminal investigation and prosecution.

(8) If the investigation involves an allegation of workers' compensation fraud on the part of the police employee.

(b) When a predisciplinary response or grievance procedure is required or utilized, the time for this response or procedure shall not be governed or limited by this chapter.

(c) If, after investigation and predisciplinary response or procedure, the public agency decides to impose discipline, the public agency shall notify the police employee in writing of its decision to impose discipline, including the date that the discipline will be imposed, within 30 days of its decision, except if the police employee is unavailable for discipline.

(d) Notwithstanding the one-year time period specified in subdivision (a), an investigation may be reopened against a police employee if both of the following circumstances exist:

(1) Significant new evidence has been discovered that is likely to affect the outcome of the investigation.

(2) One of the following conditions exists:

(A) The evidence could not reasonably have been discovered in the normal course of investigation without resorting to extraordinary measures by the agency.

(B) The evidence resulted from the police employee's predisciplinary response or procedure.

3508.5. Right to authorize dues deductions; effect of chapter

(a) Nothing in this chapter shall affect the right of a public employee to authorize a dues or service fees deduction from his or her salary or wages pursuant to Section 1157.1, 1157.2, 1157.3, 1157.4, 1157.5, or 1157.7.

(b) A public employer shall deduct the payment of dues or service fees to a recognized employee organization as required by an agency shop arrangement between the recognized employee organization and the public employer.

(c) Agency fee obligations, including, but not limited to, dues or agency fee deductions on behalf of a recognized employee organization, shall continue in effect as long as the employee organization is the recognized bargaining representative, notwithstanding the expiration of any agreement between the public employer and the recognized employee organization.

3509. Board; powers and duties; unfair practices; rules

(a) The powers and duties of the board described in Section 3541.3 shall also apply, as appropriate, to this chapter and shall include the authority as set forth in subdivisions (b) and (c). Included among the appropriate powers of the board are the power to order elections, to conduct any election the board orders, and to adopt rules to apply in areas where a public agency has no rule.

(b) A complaint alleging any violation of this chapter or of any rules and regulations adopted by a public agency pursuant to Section 3507 or 3507.5 shall be processed as an unfair practice charge by the board. The initial determination as to whether the charge of unfair practice is justified and, if so, the appropriate remedy necessary to effectuate the purposes of this chapter, shall be a matter within the exclusive jurisdiction of the board. The board shall apply and interpret unfair labor practices consistent with existing judicial interpretations of this chapter.

(c) The board shall enforce and apply rules adopted by a public agency concerning unit determinations, representation, recognition, and elections.

(d) Notwithstanding subdivisions (a) to (c), inclusive, the employee relations commissions established by, and in effect for, the County of Los Angeles and the City of Los Angeles pursuant to Section 3507 shall have the power and responsibility to take actions on recognition, unit determinations, elections, and all unfair practices, and to issue determinations and orders as the employee relations commissions deem necessary, consistent with and pursuant to the policies of this chapter.

(e) Notwithstanding subdivisions (a) to (c), inclusive, consistent with, and pursuant to, the provisions of Sections 3500 and 3505.4, superior courts shall have exclusive jurisdiction over actions involving interest arbitration, as governed by Title 9 (commencing with Section 1280) of Part 3 of the Code of Civil Procedure, when the action involves an employee organization that represents firefighters, as defined in Section 3251.

(f) This section shall not apply to employees designated as management employees under Section 3507.5.

(g) The board shall not find it an unfair practice for an employee organization to violate a rule or regulation adopted by a public agency if that rule or regulation is itself in violation of this chapter. This subdivision shall not be construed to restrict or expand the board's jurisdiction or authority as set forth in subdivisions (a) to (c), inclusive.

3509.5. Petition for writ of extraordinary relief from final decision or order of board in unfair practices cases; jurisdiction; time for filing; enforcement of final decisions or orders

(a) Any charging party, respondent, or intervenor aggrieved by a final decision or order of the board in an unfair practice case, except a decision of the board not to issue a complaint in such a case, and any party to a final decision or order of the board in a unit determination, representation, recognition, or election matter that is not brought as an unfair practice case, may petition for a writ of extraordinary relief from that decision or order. A board order directing an election may not be stayed pending judicial review.

(b) A petition for a writ of extraordinary relief shall be filed in the district court of appeal having jurisdiction over the county where the events giving rise to the decision or order occurred. The petition shall be filed within 30 days from the date of the issuance of the board's final decision or order, or order denying reconsideration, as applicable. Upon the filing of the petition, the court shall cause notice to be served upon the board and thereafter shall have jurisdiction of the proceeding. The board shall file in the court the record of the proceeding, certified by the board, within 10 days after the clerk's notice unless that time is extended by the court for good cause shown. The court shall have jurisdiction to grant any temporary relief or restraining order it deems just and proper, and in like manner to make and enter a decree enforcing, modifying, and enforcing as modified, or setting aside in whole or in part the decision or order of the board. The findings of the board with respect to questions of fact, including ultimate facts, if supported by substantial evidence on the record considered as a whole, shall be conclusive. Title 1 (commencing with Section 1067) of Part 3 of the Code of Civil Procedure relating to writs shall, except where specifically superseded by this section, apply

to proceedings pursuant to this section.

(c) If the time to petition for extraordinary relief from a board decision or order has expired, the board may seek enforcement of any final decision or order in a district court of appeal or superior court having jurisdiction over the county where the events giving rise to the decision or order occurred. The board shall respond within 10 days to any inquiry from a party to the action as to why the board has not sought court enforcement of the final decision or order. If the response does not indicate that there has been compliance with the board's final decision or order, the board shall seek enforcement of the final decision or order upon the request of the party. The board shall file in the court the record of the proceeding, certified by the board, and appropriate evidence disclosing the failure to comply with the decision or order. If, after hearing, the court determines that the order was issued pursuant to the procedures established by the board and that the person or entity refuses to comply with the order, the court shall enforce the order by writ of mandamus or other proper process. The court may not review the merits of the order.

3510. Construction of chapter

(a) The provisions of this chapter shall be interpreted and applied by the board in a manner consistent with and in accordance with judicial interpretations of this chapter.

(b) The enactment of this chapter shall not be construed as making the provisions of Section 923 of the Labor Code applicable to public employees.

3511. Application of amendments made by 1999-2000 regular session legislation

The changes made to Sections 3501, 3507.1, and 3509 of the Government Code by legislation enacted during the 1999-2000 Regular Session of the Legislature shall not apply to persons who are peace officers as defined in Section 830.1 of the Penal Code.

CHAPTER 10.3

RALPH C. DILLS ACT

(STATE EMPLOYER-EMPLOYEE RELATIONS)

3512. Purpose of chapter

It is the purpose of this chapter to promote full communication between the state and its employees by providing a reasonable method of resolving disputes regarding wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment between the state and public employee organizations. It is also the purpose of this chapter to promote the improvement of personnel management and employer-employee relations within the State of California by providing a uniform basis for recognizing the right of state employees to join organizations of their own choosing and be represented by those organizations in their employment relations with the state. It is further the purpose of this chapter, in order to foster peaceful employer-employee relations, to allow state employees to select one employee organization as the exclusive representative of the employees in an appropriate unit, and to permit the exclusive representative to receive financial support from those employees who receive the benefits of this representation.

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to contravene the spirit or intent of the merit principle in state employment, nor to limit the entitlements of state civil service employees, including those designated as managerial and confidential, provided by Article VII of the California Constitution or by laws or rules enacted pursuant thereto.

3513. Definitions

As used in this chapter:

(a) "Employee organization" means any organization that includes employees of the state and that has as one of its primary purposes representing these employees in their relations with the state.

(b) "Recognized employee organization" means an employee organization that has been recognized by the state as the exclusive representative of the employees in an appropriate unit.

(c) "State employee" means any civil service employee of the state, and the teaching staff of schools under the jurisdiction of the

State Department of Education or the Superintendent of Public Instruction, except managerial employees, confidential employees, supervisory employees, employees of the Department of Personnel Administration, professional employees of the Department of Finance engaged in technical or analytical state budget preparation other than the auditing staff, professional employees in the Personnel/Payroll Services Division of the Controller's office engaged in technical or analytical duties in support of the state's personnel and payroll systems other than the training staff, employees of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, employees of the Bureau of State Audits, employees of the office of the Inspector General, employees of the board, conciliators employed by the State Conciliation Service within the Department of Industrial Relations, employees of the Office of the State Chief Information Officer except as otherwise provided in Section 11546.5, and intermittent athletic inspectors who are employees of the State Athletic Commission.

(d) "Mediation" means effort by an impartial third party to assist in reconciling a dispute regarding wages, hours and other terms and conditions of employment between representatives of the public agency and the recognized employee organization or recognized employee organizations through interpretation, suggestion and advice.

(e) "Managerial employee" means any employee having significant responsibilities for formulating or administering agency or departmental policies and programs or administering an agency or department.

(f) "Confidential employee" means any employee who is required to develop or present management positions with respect to employer-employee relations or whose duties normally require access to confidential information contributing significantly to the development of management positions.

(g) "Supervisory employee" means any individual, regardless of the job description or title, having authority, in the interest of the employer, to hire, transfer, suspend, lay off, recall, promote, discharge, assign, reward, or discipline other employees, or responsibility to direct them, or to adjust their grievances, or effectively to recommend this action, if, in connection with the foregoing, the exercise of this authority is not of a merely routine or clerical nature, but requires the use of independent judgment. Employees whose duties are substantially similar to those of their subordinates shall not be considered to be supervisory employees.

(h) "Board" means the Public Employment Relations Board. The Educational Employment Relations Board established pursuant to Section 3541 shall be renamed the Public Employment Relations Board as provided in Section 3540. The powers and duties of the board described in Section 3541.3 shall also apply, as appropriate, to this chapter.

(i) "Maintenance of membership" means that all employees who voluntarily are, or who voluntarily become, members of a recognized employee organization shall remain members of that employee organization in good standing for a period as agreed to by the parties pursuant to a memorandum of understanding, commencing with the effective date of the memorandum of understanding. A maintenance of membership provision shall not apply to any employee who within 30 days prior to the expiration of the memorandum of understanding withdraws from the employee organization by sending a signed withdrawal letter to the employee organization and a copy to the Controller's office.

(j) "State employer," or "employer," for the purposes of bargaining or meeting and conferring in good faith, means the Governor or his or her designated representatives.

(k) "Fair share fee" means the fee deducted by the state employer from the salary or wages of a state employee in an appropriate unit who does not become a member of and financially support the recognized employee organization. The fair share fee shall be used to defray the costs incurred by the recognized employee organization in fulfilling its duty to represent the employees in their employment relations with the state, and shall not exceed the standard initiation fee, membership dues, and general assessments of the recognized employee organization.

3514. Interference with board members or agents; misdemeanor; fine

Any person who shall willfully resist, prevent, impede or interfere with any member of the board, or any of its agents, in the performance of duties pursuant to this chapter, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

3514.5. Unfair practices; initial determination and remedy; jurisdiction of board; procedures

The initial determination as to whether the charges of unfair practices are justified, and, if so, what remedy is necessary to effectuate the purposes of this chapter, shall be a matter within the exclusive jurisdiction of the board. Procedures for investigating, hearing, and deciding these cases shall be devised and promulgated by the board and shall include all of the following:

(a) Any employee, employee organization, or employer shall have the right to file an unfair practice charge, except that the board shall not do either of the following: (1) issue a complaint in respect of any charge based upon an alleged unfair practice occurring more than six months prior to the filing of the charge; (2) issue a complaint against conduct also prohibited by the provisions of the agreement between the parties until the grievance machinery of the agreement, if it exists and covers the matter at issue, has

been exhausted, either by settlement or binding arbitration. However, when the charging party demonstrates that resort to contract grievance procedure would be futile, exhaustion shall not be necessary. The board shall have discretionary jurisdiction to review such settlement or arbitration award reached pursuant to the grievance machinery solely for the purpose of determining whether it is repugnant to the purposes of this chapter. If the board finds that such settlement or arbitration award is repugnant to the purposes of this chapter, it shall issue a complaint on the basis of a timely filed charge, and hear and decide the case on the merits; otherwise, it shall dismiss the charge. The board shall, in determining whether the charge was timely filed, consider the six-month limitation set forth in this subdivision to have been tolled during the time it took the charging party to exhaust the grievance machinery.

(b) The board shall not have authority to enforce agreements between the parties, and shall not issue a complaint on any charge based on alleged violation of such an agreement that would not also constitute an unfair practice under this chapter.

(c) The board shall have the power to issue a decision and order directing an offending party to cease and desist from the unfair practice and to take such affirmative action, including but not limited to the reinstatement of employees with or without back pay, as will effectuate the policies of this chapter.

3515. Employee organizational rights; maintenance of membership; fair share fee; self representation

Except as otherwise provided by the Legislature, state employees shall have the right to form, join, and participate in the activities of employee organizations of their own choosing for the purpose of representation on all matters of employer-employee relations. State employees also shall have the right to refuse to join or participate in the activities of employee organizations, except that nothing shall preclude the parties from agreeing to a maintenance of membership provision, as defined in subdivision (i) of Section 3513, or a fair share fee provision, as defined in subdivision (k) of Section 3513, pursuant to a memorandum of understanding. In any event, state employees shall have the right to represent themselves individually in their employment relations with the state.

3515.5. Employee organizations; exclusive representation of members; restrictions on membership; dismissal

Employee organizations shall have the right to represent their members in their employment relations with the state, except that once an employee organization is recognized as the exclusive representative of an appropriate unit, the recognized employee organization is the only organization that may represent that unit in employment relations with the state. Employee organizations may establish reasonable restrictions regarding who may join and may make reasonable provisions for the dismissal of individuals from membership. Nothing in this section shall prohibit any employee from appearing in his own behalf in his employment relations with the state.

3515.6. Employee organizations; deductions for dues, fees, membership benefit programs and assessments

All employee organizations shall have the right to have membership dues, initiation fees, membership benefit programs, and general assessments deducted pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 1152 and Section 1153 until such time as an employee organization is recognized as the exclusive representative for employees in an appropriate unit, and then such deductions as to any employee in the negotiating unit shall not be permissible except to the exclusive representative.

3515.7. Maintenance of membership or fair share fee deduction

(a) Once an employee organization is recognized as the exclusive representative of an appropriate unit it may enter into an agreement with the state employer providing for organizational security in the form of maintenance of membership or fair share fee deduction.

(b) The state employer shall furnish the recognized employee organization with sufficient employment data to allow the organization to calculate membership fees and the appropriate fair share fees, and shall deduct the amount specified by the recognized employee organization from the salary or wages of every employee for the membership fee or the fair share fee. These fees shall be remitted monthly to the recognized employee organization along with an adequate itemized record of the deductions, including, if required by the recognized employee organization, machine readable data. Fair share fee deductions shall continue until the effective date of a successor agreement or implementation of the state's last, best, and final offer, whichever occurs first. The Controller shall retain, from the fair share fee deduction, an amount equal to the cost of administering this section. The state employer shall not be liable in any action by a state employee seeking recovery of, or damages for, improper use or calculation of fair share fees.

(c) Notwithstanding subdivision (b), any employee who is a member of a religious body whose traditional tenets or teachings include objections to joining or financially supporting employee organizations shall not be required to financially support the recognized employee organization. That employee, in lieu of a membership fee or a fair share fee deduction, shall instruct the employer to deduct and pay sums equal to the fair share fee to a nonreligious, nonlabor organization, charitable fund approved by the California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board for receipt of charitable contributions by payroll deductions.

(d) A fair share fee provision in a memorandum of understanding that is in effect may be rescinded by a majority vote of all the

employees in the unit covered by the memorandum of understanding, provided that: (1) a request for the vote is supported by a petition containing the signatures of at least 30 percent of the employees in the unit; (2) the vote is by secret ballot; and (3) the vote may be taken at any time during the term of the memorandum of understanding, but in no event shall there be more than one vote taken during the term. If the board determines that the appropriate number of signatures have been collected, it shall conduct the vote in a manner that it shall prescribe. Notwithstanding this subdivision, the state employer and the recognized employee organization may negotiate, and by mutual agreement provide for, an alternative procedure or procedures regarding a vote on a fair share fee provision.

(e) Every recognized employee organization that has agreed to a fair share fee provision shall keep an adequate itemized record of its financial transactions and shall make available annually, to the board and to the employees in the unit, within 90 days after the end of its fiscal year, a detailed written financial report thereof in the form of a balance sheet and an operating statement, certified as to accuracy by its president and treasurer or comparable officers. In the event of failure of compliance with this section, any employee in the unit may petition the board for an order compelling this compliance, or the board may issue a compliance order on its own motion.

(f) If an employee who holds conscientious objections pursuant to subdivision (c) requests individual representation in a grievance, arbitration, or administrative hearing from the recognized employee organization, the recognized employee organization is authorized to charge the employee for the reasonable cost of the representation.

(g) An employee who pays a fair share fee shall be entitled to fair and impartial representation by the recognized employee organization. A breach of this duty shall be deemed to have occurred if the employee organization's conduct in representation is arbitrary, discriminatory, or in bad faith.

3515.8. Return of part of fair share fee

Any state employee who pays a fair share fee shall have the right to demand and receive from the recognized employee organization, under procedures established by the recognized employee organization, a return of any part of that fee paid by him or her which represents the employee's additional pro rata share of expenditures by the recognized employee organization that is either in aid of activities or causes of a partisan political or ideological nature only incidentally related to the terms and conditions of employment, or applied towards the cost of any other benefits available only to members of the recognized employee organization. The pro rata share subject to refund shall not reflect, however, the costs of support of lobbying activities designed to foster policy goals and collective negotiations and contract administration, or to secure for the employees represented advantages in wages, hours, and other conditions of employment in addition to those secured through meeting and conferring with the state employer. The board may compel the recognized employee organization to return that portion of a fair share fee which the board may determine to be subject to refund under the provisions of this section.

3516. Scope of representation; wages, hours and terms and conditions of employment

The scope of representation shall be limited to wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment, except, however, that the scope of representation shall not include consideration of the merits, necessity, or organization of any service or activity provided by law or executive order.

3516.5. Notice of proposed law, rule, resolution or regulation; opportunity to meet and confer; emergencies

Except in cases of emergency as provided in this section, the employer shall give reasonable written notice to each recognized employee organization affected by any law, rule, resolution, or regulation directly relating to matters within the scope of representation proposed to be adopted by the employer, and shall give such recognized employee organizations the opportunity to meet and confer with the administrative officials or their delegated representatives as may be properly designated by law.

In cases of emergency when the employer determines that a law, rule, resolution, or regulation must be adopted immediately without prior notice or meeting with a recognized employee organization, the administrative officials or their delegated representatives as may be properly designated by law shall provide such notice and opportunity to meet and confer in good faith at the earliest practical time following the adoption of such law, rule, resolution, or regulation.

3517. Meet and confer in good faith

The Governor, or his representative as may be properly designated by law, shall meet and confer in good faith regarding wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment with representatives of recognized employee organizations, and shall consider fully such presentations as are made by the employee organization on behalf of its members prior to arriving at a determination of policy or course of action.

"Meet and confer in good faith" means that the Governor or such representatives as the Governor may designate, and representatives of recognized employee organizations, shall have the mutual obligation personally to meet and confer promptly upon request by either party and continue for a reasonable period of time in order to exchange freely information, opinions, and proposals, and to endeavor to reach agreement on matters within the scope of representation prior to the adoption by the state of

its final budget for the ensuing year. The process should include adequate time for the resolution of impasses.

3517.5. Written memorandum of understanding; legislative determination

If agreement is reached between the Governor and the recognized employee organization, they shall jointly prepare a written memorandum of such understanding which shall be presented, when appropriate, to the Legislature for determination.

3517.6. Memorandum of understanding as controlling when in conflict with certain statutory provisions; legislative action required for funding and statutory changes

(a) (1) In any case where the provisions of Section 70031 of the Education Code, or subdivision (i) of Section 3513, or Section 14876, 18714, 19080.5, 19100, 19143, 19261, 19818.16, 19819.1, 19820, 19822, 19824, 19826, 19827, 19828, 19829, 19830, 19831, 19832, 19833, 19834, 19835, 19836, 19837, 19838, 19839, 19840, 19841, 19842, 19843, 19844, 19845, 19846, 19847, 19848, 19849, 19849.1, 19849.4, 19850.1, 19850.2, 19850.3, 19850.4, 19850.5, 19850.6, 19851, 19853, 19854, 19856, 19856.1, 19858.1, 19858.2, 19859, 19860, 19861, 19862, 19862.1, 19863, 19863.1, 19864, 19866, 19869, 19870, 19871, 19871.1, 19872, 19873, 19874, 19875, 19876, 19877, 19877.1, 19878, 19879, 19880, 19880.1, 19881, 19882, 19883, 19884, 19885, 19887, 19887.1, 19887.2, 19888, 19888, 19889, 19890, 19891, 19891.1, 19891.2, 19891.3, 19891.4, 19891.5, 19891.6, 19891.7, 19892, 19892.1, 19892.2, 19892.3, 19892.4, 19893, 19894, 19894.1, 19894.2, 19894.3, 19894.4, 19895, 19895.1, 19895.2, 19895.3, 19896.1, 19896.2, 19898, 19898.1, 20796, 21600, 21602, 21604, 21605, 22870, 22871, or 22890 are in conflict with the provisions of a memorandum of understanding, the memorandum of understanding shall be controlling without further legislative action.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), this paragraph shall apply only to state employees in State Bargaining Unit 5. In any case where the provisions of Section 70031 of the Education Code, or subdivision (i) of Section 3513, or Section 14876, 18714, 19080.5, 19100, 19143, 19261, 19576.1, 19818.16, 19819.1, 19820, 19822, 19824, 19826, 19827, 19828, 19829, 19830, 19831, 19832, 19833, 19834, 19835, 19836, 19837, 19838, 19839, 19840, 19841, 19842, 19843, 19844, 19845, 19846, 19847, 19848, 19849, 19849.1, 19849.4, 19850.1, 19850.2, 19850.3, 19850.4, 19850.5, 19850.6, 19851, 19853, 19854, 19856, 19856.1, 19858.1, 19858.2, 19859, 19860, 19861, 19862, 19862.1, 19863, 19863.1, 19864, 19866, 19869, 19870, 19871, 19871.1, 19872, 19873, 19874, 19875, 19876, 19877, 19877.1, 19878, 19879, 19880, 19880.1, 19881, 19882, 19883, 19884, 19885, 19887, 19887.1, 19887.2, 19888, 19889, 19890, 19891, 19891.1, 19891.2, 19891.3, 19891.4, 19891.5, 19891.6, 19891.7, 19892, 19892.1, 19892.2, 19892.3, 19892.4, 19893, 19894, 19894.1, 19894.2, 19894.3, 19894.4, 19895, 19895.1, 19895.2, 19895.3, 19896.1, 19896.2, 19898, 19898.1, 20796, 21600, 21602, 21604, 21605, 22870, 22871, or 22890 are in conflict with the provisions of a memorandum of understanding, the memorandum of understanding shall be controlling without further legislative action.

(3) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), this paragraph shall apply only to state employees in State Bargaining Unit 8. In any case where the provisions of Section 70031 of the Education Code, or subdivision (i) of Section 3513, or Section 14876, 18714, 19080.5, 19100, 19143, 19261, 19574, 19574.1, 19574.2, 19575, 19576.1, 19578, 19582, 19582.1, 19175.1, 19818.16, 19819.1, 19820, 19822, 19824, 19826, 19827, 19828, 19829, 19830, 19831, 19832, 19833, 19834, 19835, 19836, 19837, 19838, 19839, 19840, 19841, 19842, 19843, 19844, 19845, 19846, 19847, 19848, 19849, 19849.1, 19849.4, 19850.1, 19850.2, 19850.3, 19850.4, 19850.5, 19850.6, 19851, 19853, 19854, 19856, 19856.1, 19858.1, 19858.2, 19859, 19860, 19861, 19862, 19862.1, 19863, 19863.1, 19864, 19866, 19869, 19870, 19871, 19871.1, 19872, 19873, 19874, 19875, 19876, 19877, 19877.1, 19878, 19879, 19880, 19880.1, 19881, 19882, 19883, 19884, 19885, 19887, 19887.1, 19887.2, 19888, 19889, 19890, 19891, 19891.1, 19891.2, 19891.3, 19891.4, 19891.5, 19891.6, 19891.7, 19892, 19892.1, 19892.2, 19892.3, 19892.4, 19893, 19894, 19894.1, 19894.2, 19894.3, 19894.4, 19895, 19895.1, 19895.2, 19895.3, 19896.1, 19896.2, 19898, 19898.1, 20796, 21600, 21602, 21604, 21605, 22870, 22871, or 22890 are in conflict with the provisions of a memorandum of understanding, the memorandum of understanding shall be controlling without further legislative action.

(4) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), this paragraph shall apply only to state employees in State Bargaining Unit 12 or 13. In any case where the provisions of Section 70031 of the Education Code, or subdivision (i) of Section 3513, or Section 14876, 18670, 18714, 19080.5, 19100, 19143, 19261, 19574, 19574.1, 19574.2, 19575, 19578, 19582, 19583, 19702, 19818.16, 19819.1, 19820, 19822, 19824, 19826, 19827, 19828, 19829, 19830, 19831, 19832, 19833, 19834, 19835, 19836, 19837, 19838, 19839, 19840, 19841, 19842, 19843, 19844, 19845, 19846, 19847, 19848, 19849, 19849.1, 19849.4, 19850.1, 19850.2, 19850.3, 19850.4, 19850.5, 19850.6, 19851, 19853, 19854, 19856, 19856.1, 19858.1, 19858.2, 19859, 19860, 19861, 19862, 19862.1, 19863, 19863.1, 19864, 19866, 19869, 19870, 19871, 19871.1, 19872, 19873, 19874, 19875, 19876, 19877, 19877.1, 19878, 19879, 19880, 19880.1, 19881, 19882, 19883, 19884, 19885, 19887, 19887.1, 19887.2, 19888, 19889, 19890, 19891, 19891.1, 19891.2, 19891.3, 19891.4, 19891.5, 19891.6, 19891.7, 19892, 19892.1, 19892.2, 19892.3, 19892.4, 19893, 19894, 19894.1, 19894.2, 19894.3, 19894.4, 19895, 19895.1, 19895.2, 19895.3, 19896.1, 19896.2, 19898, 19898.1, 20796, 21600, 21602, 21604, 21605, 22870, 22871, or 22890 are in conflict with the provisions of a memorandum of understanding, the memorandum of understanding shall be controlling without further legislative action.

(b) In any case where the provisions of Section 19997.2, 19997.3, 19997.8, 19997.9, 19997.10, 19997.11, 19997.12, 19997.13, or 19997.14 are in conflict with the provisions of a memorandum of understanding, the terms of the memorandum of

understanding shall be controlling unless the State Personnel Board finds those terms to be inconsistent with merit employment principles as provided for by Article VII of the California Constitution. Where this finding is made, the provisions of the Government Code shall prevail until those affected sections of the memorandum of understanding are renegotiated to resolve the inconsistency. If any provision of the memorandum of understanding requires the expenditure of funds, those provisions of the memorandum of understanding may not become effective unless approved by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act. If any provision of the memorandum of understanding requires legislative action to permit its implementation by amendment of any section not cited above, those provisions of the memorandum of understanding may not become effective unless approved by the Legislature.

3517.61. State employees in State Bargaining Unit 6; application of memorandum of understanding

Notwithstanding Section 3517.6, for state employees in State Bargaining Unit 6, in any case where the provisions of Section 70031 of the Education Code, subdivision (i) of Section 3513, or Section 14876, 18714, 19080.5, 19100, 19143, 19261, 19818.16, 19819.1, 19820, 19822, 19824, 19826, 19827, 19828, 19829, 19830, 19831, 19832, 19833, 19834, 19835, 19836, 19837, 19838, 19839, 19840, 19841, 19842, 19843, 19844, 19845, 19846, 19847, 19848, 19849, 19849.1, 19849.4, 19850.1, 19850.2, 19850.3, 19850.4, 19850.5, 19850.6, 19851, 19853, 19854, 19856, 19856.1, 19858.1, 19858.2, 19859, 19860, 19861, 19862, 19862.1, 19863, 19863.1, 19864, 19866, 19869, 19870, 19871, 19871.1, 19872, 19873, 19874, 19875, 19876, 19877, 19877.1, 19878, 19879, 19880, 19880.1, 19881, 19882, 19883, 19884, 19885, 19887, 19887.1, 19887.2, 19888, 19990, 19991, 19991.1, 19991.2, 19991.3, 19991.4, 19991.5, 19991.6, 19991.7, 19992, 19992.1, 19992.2, 19992.3, 19992.4, 19993, 19994.1, 19994.2, 19994.3, 19994.4, 19995, 19995.1, 19995.2, 19995.3, 19996.1, 19996.2, 19998, 19998.1, 20796, 21600, 21602, 21604, 21605, 22870, 22871, or 22890 are in conflict with the provisions of a memorandum of understanding, the memorandum of understanding shall be controlling without further legislative action. In any case where the provisions of Section 19997.2, 19997.3, 19997.8, 19997.9, 19997.10, 19997.11, 19997.12, 19997.13, or 19997.14 are in conflict with the provisions of a memorandum of understanding, the terms of the memorandum of understanding shall be controlling unless the State Personnel Board finds those terms to be inconsistent with merit employment principles as provided for by Article VII of the California Constitution. Where this finding is made, the provisions of the Government Code shall prevail until those affected sections of the memorandum of understanding are renegotiated to resolve the inconsistency. If any provision of the memorandum of understanding requires the expenditure of funds, those provisions of the memorandum of understanding may not become effective unless approved by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act. If any provision of the memorandum of understanding requires legislative action to permit its implementation by amendment of any section not cited above, those provisions of the memorandum of understanding may not become effective unless approved by the Legislature.

3517.63. Side letters, appendices, or other addendum; additional expenditures; submission to Joint Legislative Budget Committee; ratification determination; express identification of specified addendum

(a) Any side letter, appendix, or other addendum to a properly ratified memorandum of understanding that requires the expenditure of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) or more related to salary and benefits and that is not already contained in the original memorandum of understanding or the Budget Act, shall be provided by the Department of Personnel Administration to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee. The Joint Legislative Budget Committee shall determine within 30 days after receiving the side letter, appendix, or other addendum if it presents substantial additions that are not reasonably within the parameters of the original memorandum of understanding and thereby requires legislative action to ratify the side letter, appendix, or other addendum.

(b) A side letter, appendix, or other addendum to a properly ratified memorandum of understanding that does not require the expenditure of funds shall be expressly identified by the Department of Personnel Administration if that side letter, appendix, or other addendum is to be incorporated in a subsequent memorandum of understanding submitted to the Legislature for approval.

3517.7. Memorandum of understanding; reopening negotiations upon legislature's failure to fund

If the Legislature does not approve or fully fund any provision of the memorandum of understanding which requires the expenditure of funds, either party may reopen negotiations on all or part of the memorandum of understanding.

Nothing herein shall prevent the parties from agreeing and effecting those provisions of the memorandum of understanding which have received legislative approval or those provisions which do not require legislative action.

3517.8 Expiration of memoranda of understanding; continued effect.

(a) If a memorandum of understanding has expired, and the Governor and the recognized employee organization have not agreed to a new memorandum of understanding and have not reached an impasse in negotiations, subject to subdivision (b), the parties to the agreement shall continue to give effect to the provisions of the expired memorandum of understanding, including, but not limited to, all provisions that supersede existing law, any arbitration provisions, any no strike provisions, any agreements regarding matters covered in the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. Sec. 201 et seq.), and any provisions covering fair share fee deduction consistent with Section 3515.7.

(b) If the Governor and the recognized employee organization reach an impasse in negotiations for a new memorandum of

understanding, the state employer may implement any or all of its last, best, and final offer. Any proposal in the state employer's last, best, and final offer that, if implemented, would conflict with existing statutes or require the expenditure of funds shall be presented to the Legislature for approval and, if approved, shall be controlling without further legislative action, notwithstanding Sections 3517.5, 3517.6, and 3517.7. Implementation of the last, best, and final offer does not relieve the parties of the obligation to bargain in good faith and reach an agreement on a memorandum of understanding if circumstances change, and does not waive rights that the recognized employee organization has under this chapter.

3518. Appointment of mediator upon failure to reach agreement; costs

If after a reasonable period of time, the Governor and the recognized employee organization fail to reach agreement, the Governor and the recognized employee organization may agree upon the appointment of a mediator mutually agreeable to the parties, or either party may request the board to appoint a mediator. When both parties mutually agree upon a mediator, costs of mediation shall be divided one-half to the state and one-half to the recognized employee organization. If the board appoints the mediator, the costs of mediation shall be paid by the board.

3518.5. Time off for employees to meet and confer without loss of compensation or benefits

A reasonable number of employee representatives of recognized employee organizations shall be granted reasonable time off without loss of compensation or other benefits when formally meeting and conferring with representatives of the state on matters within the scope of representation.

This section shall apply only to state employees, as defined by subdivision (c) of Section 3513, and only for periods when a memorandum of understanding is not in effect.

3518.7. Managerial and confidential employees; prohibition from holding elective office in certain organizations

Managerial employees and confidential employees shall be prohibited from holding elective office in an employee organization which also represents "state employees," as defined in subdivision (c) of Section 3513.

3519. Unlawful actions by state

It shall be unlawful for the state to do any of the following:

- (a) Impose or threaten to impose reprisals on employees, to discriminate or threaten to discriminate against employees, or otherwise to interfere with, restrain, or coerce employees because of their exercise of rights guaranteed by this chapter. For purposes of this subdivision, "employee" includes an applicant for employment or reemployment.
- (b) Deny to employee organizations rights guaranteed to them by this chapter.
- (c) Refuse or fail to meet and confer in good faith with a recognized employee organization.
- (d) Dominate or interfere with the formation or administration of any employee organization, or contribute financial or other support to it, or in any way encourage employees to join any organization in preference to another.
- (e) Refuse to participate in good faith in the mediation procedure set forth in Section 3518.

3519.5. Unlawful actions by employee organizations

It shall be unlawful for an employee organization to:

- (a) Cause or attempt to cause the state to violate Section 3519.
- (b) Impose or threaten to impose reprisals on employees, to discriminate or threaten to discriminate against employees, or otherwise to interfere with, restrain, or coerce employees because of their exercise of rights guaranteed by this chapter.
- (c) Refuse or fail to meet and confer in good faith with a state agency employer of any of the employees of which it is the recognized employee organization.
- (d) Refuse to participate in good faith in the mediation procedure set forth in Section 3518.

3520. Judicial review of unit determination; stay of order directing election; petition for writ of extraordinary relief; notice; jurisdiction; findings; enforcement of final decision or order

(a) Judicial review of a unit determination shall only be allowed: (1) when the board, in response to a petition from the state or an employee organization, agrees that the case is one of special importance and joins in the request for such review; or (2) when the issue is raised as a defense to an unfair practice complaint. A board order directing an election shall not be stayed pending judicial review.

Upon receipt of a board order joining in the request for judicial review, a party to the case may petition for a writ of extraordinary relief from the unit determination decision or order.

(b) Any charging party, respondent, or intervenor aggrieved by a final decision or order of the board in an unfair practice case, except a decision of the board not to issue a complaint in such a case, may petition for a writ of extraordinary relief from such decision or order.

(c) Such petition shall be filed in the district court of appeal in the appellate district where the unit determination or unfair practice dispute occurred. The petition shall be filed within 30 days after issuance of the board's final order, order denying reconsideration, or order joining in the request for judicial review, as applicable. Upon the filing of such petition, the court shall cause notice to be served upon the board and thereupon shall have jurisdiction of the proceeding. The board shall file in the court the record of the proceeding, certified by the board, within 10 days after the clerk's notice unless such time is extended by the court for good cause shown. The court shall have jurisdiction to grant to the board such temporary relief or restraining order it deems just and proper and in like manner to make and enter a decree enforcing, modifying, or setting aside the order of the board. The findings of the board with respect to questions of fact, including ultimate facts, if supported by substantial evidence on the record considered as a whole, shall be conclusive. The provisions of Title 1 (commencing with Section 1067) of Part 3 of the Code of Civil Procedure relating to writs shall, except where specifically superseded herein, apply to proceedings pursuant to this section.

(d) If the time to petition for extraordinary relief from a board decision has expired, the board may seek enforcement of any final decision or order in a district court of appeal or a superior court in the district where the unit determination or unfair practice case occurred. If, after hearing, the court determines that the order was issued pursuant to procedures established by the board and that the person or entity refuses to comply with the order, the court shall enforce such order by writ of mandamus. The court shall not review the merits of the order.

3520.5. Exclusive recognition to employee organization; procedures

(a) The state shall grant exclusive recognition to employee organizations designated or selected pursuant to rules established by the board for employees of the state or an appropriate unit thereof, subject to the right of an employee to represent himself.

(b) The board shall establish reasonable procedures for petitions and for holding elections and determining appropriate units pursuant to subdivision (a).

(c) The board shall also establish procedures whereby recognition of employee organizations formally recognized as exclusive representatives pursuant to a vote of the employees may be revoked by a majority vote of the employees only after a period of not less than 12 months following the date of such recognition.

3520.7. Employee organization and associations; registering; determining status; identifying official representatives

The state employer shall adopt reasonable rules and regulations for all of the following:

(a) Registering employee organizations, as defined by subdivision (c) of Section 1150, and bona fide associations, as defined by subdivision (d) of Section 1150.

(b) Determining the status of organizations and associations as employee organizations or bona fide associations.

(c) Identifying the officers and representatives who officially represent employee organizations and bona fide associations.

3521. Appropriate unit; determination; criteria

(a) In determining an appropriate unit, the board shall be governed by the criteria in subdivision (b). However, the board shall not direct an election in a unit unless one or more of the employee organizations involved in the proceeding is seeking or agrees to an election in such a unit.

(b) In determining an appropriate unit, the board shall take into consideration all of the following criteria:

(1) The internal and occupational community of interest among the employees, including, but not limited to, the extent to which they perform functionally related services or work toward established common goals; the history of employee representation in state government and in similar employment; the extent to which the employees have common skills, working conditions, job duties, or similar educational or training requirements; and the extent to which the employees have common supervision.

(2) The effect that the projected unit will have on the meet and confer relationships, emphasizing the availability and authority of employer representatives to deal effectively with employee organizations representing the unit, and taking into account such factors as work location, the numerical size of the unit, the relationship of the unit to organizational patterns of the state government, and the effect on the existing classification structure or existing classification schematic of dividing a single class or single classification schematic among two or more units.

(3) The effect of the proposed unit on efficient operations of the employer and the compatibility of the unit with the responsibility of state government and its employees to serve the public.

(4) The number of employees and classifications in a proposed unit and its effect on the operations of the employer, on the objectives of providing the employees the right to effective representation, and on the meet and confer relationship.

(5) The impact on the meet and confer relationship created by fragmentation of employees or any proliferation of units among the employees of the employer.

(6) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section, or any other provision of law, an appropriate group of skilled crafts employees shall have the right to be a separate unit of representation based upon occupation. Skilled crafts employees shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, employment categories such as carpenters, plumbers, electricians, painters, and operating engineers.

(c) There shall be a presumption that professional employees and nonprofessional employees should not be included in the same unit. However, the presumption shall be rebuttable, depending upon what the evidence pertinent to the criteria set forth in subdivision (b) establishes.

3521.5. Professional employee

The term "professional employee" means (a) any employee engaged in work (1) predominately intellectual and varied in character as opposed to routine mental, manual, mechanical, or physical work; (2) involving the consistent exercise of discretion and judgment in its performance; (3) of such a character that the output produced or the result accomplished cannot be standardized in relation to a given period of time; (4) requiring knowledge of an advanced type in a field of science or learning customarily acquired by a prolonged course of specialized intellectual instruction and study in an institution of higher learning or a hospital, as distinguished from a general academic education or from an apprenticeship or from training in the performance of routine mental, manual, or physical processes; or (b) any employee, who (1) has completed the courses of specialized intellectual instruction and study described in paragraph 4 of subdivision (a), and (2) is performing related work under the supervision of a professional person to qualify himself to become a professional employee as defined in subdivision (a).

3521.7. Enforcement of state laws; designation of positions or classes involved

The board may, in accordance with reasonable standards, designate positions or classes of positions which have duties consisting primarily of the enforcement of state laws. Employees so designated shall not be denied the right to be in a unit composed solely of such employees.

3522. Physicians; negotiation for preauthorized travel for continuing medical education

(a) Physicians in any state bargaining unit may negotiate under this chapter for preauthorized travel outside the state for continuing medical education.

(b) The execution of a memorandum of understanding entered into pursuant to subdivision (a) shall constitute the approvals required under Sections 11032 and 11033, except that if the provisions of a memorandum of understanding require the expenditure of funds, the provisions shall not become effective unless approved by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act.

3523. Public meeting; presentation of meet and confer proposals to public employer; notice; public record; emergencies

(a) All initial meet and confer proposals of recognized employee organizations shall be presented to the employer at a public meeting, and such proposals thereafter shall be a public record.

All initial meet and confer proposals or counterproposals of the employer shall be presented to the recognized employee organization at a public meeting, and such proposals or counterproposals thereafter shall be a public record.

(b) Except in cases of emergency as provided in subdivision (d), no meeting and conferring shall take place on any proposal subject to subdivision (a) until not less than seven consecutive days have elapsed to enable the public to become informed, and to publicly express itself regarding the proposals, as well as regarding other possible subjects of meeting and conferring and thereafter, the employer shall, in open meeting, hear public comment on all matters related to the meet and confer proposals.

(c) Forty-eight hours after any proposal which includes any substantive subject which has not first been presented as proposals for public reaction pursuant to this section is offered during any meeting and conferring session, such proposals and the position, if any, taken thereon by the representatives of the employer, shall be a public record.

(d) Subdivision (b) shall not apply when the employer determines that, due to an act of God, natural disaster, or other emergency or calamity affecting the state, and which is beyond the control of the employer or recognized employee organization, it must meet and confer and take action upon such a proposal immediately and without sufficient time for the public to become informed and to publicly express itself. In such cases the results of such meeting and conferring shall be made public as soon as

reasonably possible.

3523.5. Inapplicability of Labor Code § 923 to state employees

The enactment of this chapter shall not be construed as making the provisions of Section 923 of the Labor Code applicable to state employees.

3524. Short title

This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the Ralph C. Dills Act.

CHAPTER 10.5

EXCLUDED EMPLOYEES BILL OF RIGHTS

3525. Short title

This chapter shall be known, and may be cited, as the Bill of Rights for State Excluded Employees.

3526. Purpose

The purpose of this chapter is to inform state supervisory, managerial, confidential, and employees otherwise excepted from coverage under the Ralph C. Dills Act by subdivision (c) of Section 3513 of their rights and terms and conditions of employment, and to inspire dedicated service and promote harmonious personnel relations among those representing state management in the conduct of state affairs.

3527. Definitions

As used in this chapter:

(a) "Employee" means a civil service employee of the State of California. The "State of California" as used in this chapter includes such state agencies, boards, and commissions as may be designated by law that employ civil service employees, except the University of California, Hastings College of the Law, and the California State University.

(b) "Excluded employee," means all managerial employees, as defined in subdivision (e) of Section 3513, all confidential employees, as defined in subdivision (f) of Section 3513 and all supervisory employees, as defined in subdivision (g) of Section 3513, and all civil service employees of the Department of Personnel Administration, professional employees of the Department of Finance engaged in technical or analytical state budget preparation other than the auditing staff, professional employees in the Personnel/Payroll Services Division of the Controller's office engaged in technical or analytical duties in support of the state's personnel and payroll systems other than the training staff, employees of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, employees of the Bureau of State Audits, employees of the Public Employment Relations Board, conciliators employed by the State Conciliation Service within the Department of Industrial Relations, and intermittent athletic inspectors who are employees of the State Athletic Commission.

(c) "Supervisory employee organization" means an organization which represents members who are supervisory employees under subdivision (g) of Section 3513.

(d) "Excluded employee organization" means an organization which includes excluded employees of the state, as defined in subdivision (b), and which has as one of its primary purposes representing its members in employer-employee relations. Excluded employee organization includes supervisory employee organizations.

(e) "State employer" or "employer," for purposes of meeting and conferring on matters relating to supervisory employer-employee relations, means the Governor or his or her designated representatives.

3528. Legislative findings and declarations

The Legislature hereby finds and declares that the rights and protections provided to excluded employees under this chapter constitute a matter of important concern. The Legislature further finds and declares that the efficient and effective administration of state programs depends upon the maintenance of high morale and the objective consideration of issues raised between excluded employees and their employer.

3529. Excluded and nonexcluded employees; holding office, participation in grievances, etc.; prohibitions

(a) Except for supervisory employees as defined in subdivision (g) of Section 3513, excluded employees shall not hold any office in an employee organization which also represents nonexcluded employees.

(b) Excluded employees shall not participate in the handling of grievances on behalf of nonexcluded employees. Nonexcluded employees shall not participate in the handling of grievances on behalf of excluded employees.

(c) Excluded employees shall not participate in meet and confer sessions on behalf of nonexcluded employees. Nonexcluded employees shall not participate in meet and confer sessions on behalf of supervisory employees.

(d) The prohibition in subdivisions (b) and (c) shall not apply to the paid staff of an excluded or supervisory employee organization.

(e) Excluded employees shall not vote on questions of ratification or rejection of memoranda of understanding reached on behalf of nonexcluded employees.

3530. Excluded employee organizations; right to represent members

Excluded employee organizations shall have the right to represent their excluded members in their employment relations, including grievances, with the State of California. Excluded employee organizations may establish reasonable restrictions regarding who may join and may make reasonable provisions for the dismissal of excluded employees from membership. This section shall not prohibit any excluded employee from appearing on his or her own behalf or through his or her chosen representative in his or her employment relations and grievances with the State of California.

3531. Supervisory employees; rights

Supervisory employees shall have the right to form, join, and participate in the activities of supervisory employee organizations of their own choosing for the purpose of representation on all matters of supervisory employer-employee relations, as set forth in Section 3532. Supervisory employees also shall have the right to refuse to join or participate in the activities of supervisory employee organizations and shall have the right to represent themselves individually in their employment relations with the public employer.

3532. Supervisory employees; scope of representation

The scope of representation for supervisory employees shall include all matters relating to employment conditions and supervisory employer-employee relations including wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment.

3533. Supervisory employee organizations; meeting and conferring with state

Upon request, the state shall meet and confer with verified supervisory employee organizations representing supervisory employees. "Meet and confer" means that they shall consider as fully as the employer deems reasonable such presentations as are made by the verified supervisory employee organization on behalf of its supervisory members prior to arriving at a determination of policy or course of action.

3534. Meeting and conferring; reasonable time off

The state employer shall allow a reasonable number of supervisory public employee representatives of verified supervisory employee organizations reasonable time off without loss of compensation or other benefits when meeting and conferring with representatives of the state employer on matters within the scope of representation for supervisory employees.

3535. Administration of excluded employer-employee relations; rules and regulations; provisions

The Department of Personnel Administration may adopt rules and regulations for the administration of excluded employer-employee relations, including supervisory employer-employee relations, under these provisions. Such rules and regulations may include provisions for:

(a) Verifying that an excluded employee organization does in fact represent excluded employees.

(b) Verifying the official status of excluded employee organization officers and representatives.

(c) Access of excluded employee organization officers and representatives to work locations.

(d) Use of official bulletin boards and other means of communication by excluded employee organizations.

(e) Furnishing nonconfidential information pertaining to excluded employee relations to excluded employee organizations.

(f) Any other matters as are necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

3536. Designation of management and confidential employees; rules and regulations; representation; restrictions

The state may adopt reasonable rules and regulations providing for designation of the management and confidential employees of the state and restricting these employees from representing any employee organization, which represents other employees of

the state, on matters within the scope of representation. Except as specifically provided otherwise in this chapter, this section does not otherwise limit the right of excluded employees to be members of and to hold office in an excluded employee organization.

3537. Annual registration statement

Every excluded employee organization shall submit an annual registration statement on or before July 1 of each calendar year to the Department of Personnel Administration. The registration statement shall, at a minimum, list the name of the organization, its affiliations, headquarters, and other business addresses, its principal business telephone number, a list of principal officers and representatives, and a copy of its organization bylaws.

3538. Supervisory employees; exercise of rights; interference with, intimidation, restraint, etc.

The state employer and excluded employee organizations shall not interfere with, intimidate, restrain, coerce, or discriminate against supervisory employees because of their exercise of their rights under this article.

3539. Applicability of § 923 of Labor Code

The enactment of this chapter shall not make Section 923 of the Labor Code applicable to state employees.

3539.5. Benefits for state officers and employees excluded from Ralph C. Dills Act; regulations

The Department of Personnel Administration may adopt or amend regulations to implement employee benefits for those state officers and employees excluded from, or not otherwise subject to, the Ralph C. Dills Act.

These regulations shall not be subject to the review and approval of the Office of Administrative Law pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2). These regulations shall become effective immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 10.7

MEETING AND NEGOTIATING IN PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL EMPLOYMENT

ARTICLE 1

GENERAL PROVISIONS

3540. Purpose of chapter

It is the purpose of this chapter to promote the improvement of personnel management and employer-employee relations within the public school systems in the State of California by providing a uniform basis for recognizing the right of public school employees to join organizations of their own choice, to be represented by the organizations in their professional and employment relationships with public school employers, to select one employee organization as the exclusive representative of the employees in an appropriate unit, and to afford certificated employees a voice in the formulation of educational policy. This chapter shall not supersede other provisions of the Education Code and the rules and regulations of public school employers which establish and regulate tenure or a merit or civil service system or which provide for other methods of administering employer-employee relations, so long as the rules and regulations or other methods of the public school employer do not conflict with lawful collective agreements.

It is the further intention of the Legislature that this chapter shall not restrict, limit, or prohibit the full exercise of the functions of any academic senate or faculty council established by a school district in a community college to represent the faculty in making recommendations to the administration and governing board of the school district with respect to district policies on academic and professional matters, so long as the exercise of the functions does not conflict with lawful collective agreements.

It is the further intention of the Legislature that any legislation enacted by the Legislature governing employer-employee relations of other public employees shall be incorporated into this chapter to the extent possible. The Legislature also finds and declares that it is an advantageous and desirable state policy to expand the jurisdiction of the board created pursuant to this chapter to cover other public employers and their employees, in the event that this legislation is enacted, and if this policy is carried out, the name of the Educational Employment Relations Board shall be changed to the "Public Employment Relations Board."

3540.1. Definitions

As used in this chapter:

- (a) "Board" means the Public Employment Relations Board created pursuant to Section 3541.
- (b) "Certified organization" or "certified employee organization" means an organization which has been certified by the board as the exclusive representative of the public school employees in an appropriate unit after a proceeding under Article 5 (commencing with Section 3544).
- (c) "Confidential employee" means any employee who is required to develop or present management positions with respect to employer-employee relations or whose duties normally require access to confidential information that is used to contribute significantly to the development of management positions.
- (d) "Employee organization" means any organization which includes employees of a public school employer and which has as one of its primary purposes representing those employees in their relations with that public school employer. "Employee organization" shall also include any person of the organization authorized to act on its behalf.
- (e) "Exclusive representative" means the employee organization recognized or certified as the exclusive negotiating representative of certificated or classified employees in an appropriate unit of a public school employer.
- (f) "Impasse" means that the parties to a dispute over matters within the scope of representation have reached a point in meeting and negotiating at which their differences in positions are so substantial or prolonged that future meetings would be futile.
- (g) "Management employee" means any employee in a position having significant responsibilities for formulating district policies or administering district programs. Management positions shall be designated by the public school employer subject to review by the Public Employment Relations Board.
- (h) "Meeting and negotiating" means meeting, conferring, negotiating, and discussing by the exclusive representative and the public school employer in a good faith effort to reach agreement on matters within the scope of representation and the execution, if requested by either party, of a written document incorporating any agreements reached, which document shall, when accepted by the exclusive representative and the public school employer, become binding upon both parties and, notwithstanding Section 3543.7, is not subject to subdivision 2 of Section 1667 of the Civil Code. The agreement may be for a period of not to exceed three years.
- (i) "Organizational security" is within the scope of representation, and means either of the following:
- (1) An arrangement pursuant to which a public school employee may decide whether or not to join an employee organization, but which requires him or her, as a condition of continued employment, if he or she does join, to maintain his or her membership in good standing for the duration of the written agreement. However, an arrangement may not deprive the employee of the right to terminate his or her obligation to the employee organization within a period of 30 days following the expiration of a written agreement.
 - (2) An arrangement that requires an employee, as a condition of continued employment, either to join the recognized or certified employee organization, or to pay the organization a service fee in an amount not to exceed the standard initiation fee, periodic dues, and general assessments of the organization for the duration of the agreement, or a period of three years from the effective date of the agreement, whichever comes first.
- (j) "Public school employee" or "employee" means any person employed by any public school employer except persons elected by popular vote, persons appointed by the Governor of this state, management employees, and confidential employees.
- (k) "Public school employer" or "employer" means the governing board of a school district, a school district, a county board of education, a county superintendent of schools, or a charter school that has declared itself a public school employer pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 47611.5 of the Education Code.
- (l) "Recognized organization" or "recognized employee organization" means an employee organization which has been recognized by an employer as the exclusive representative pursuant to Article 5 (commencing with Section 3544).
- (m) "Supervisory employee" means any employee, regardless of job description, having authority in the interest of the employer to hire, transfer, suspend, lay off, recall, promote, discharge, assign, reward, or discipline other employees, or the responsibility to assign work to and direct them, or to adjust their grievances, or effectively recommend that action, if, in connection with the foregoing functions, the exercise of that authority is not of a merely routine or clerical nature, but requires the use of independent judgment.

3540.2. Qualified or negative certifications; proposed agreements; review process; financial impact; review and comment by Superintendent of Public Instruction

- (a) A school district that has a qualified or negative certification pursuant to Section 42131 of the Education Code shall allow the

county office of education in which the school district is located at least 10 working days to review and comment on any proposed agreement made between the exclusive representative and the public school employer, or designated representatives of the employer, pursuant to this chapter. The school district shall provide the county superintendent of schools with all information relevant to yield an understanding of the financial impact of that agreement.

(b) The Superintendent shall develop a format for use by the appropriate parties in generating the financial information required pursuant to subdivision (a).

(c) The county superintendent of schools shall notify the school district, the county board of education, the district superintendent, the governing board of the school district, and each parent and teacher organization of the district within those 10 days if, in his or her opinion, the agreement reviewed pursuant to subdivision (a) would endanger the fiscal well-being of the school district.

(d) A school district shall provide the county superintendent of schools, upon request, with all information relevant to provide an understanding of the financial impact of any final collective bargaining agreement reached pursuant to Section 3543.2.

(e) A county office of education, or a school district for which the county board of education serves as the governing board, that has a qualified or negative certification pursuant to Section 1240 of the Education Code shall allow the Superintendent at least 10 working days to review and comment on any proposed agreement or contract made between the exclusive representative and the public school employer, or designated representatives of the employer, pursuant to this chapter. The county superintendent of schools shall provide the Superintendent with all information relevant to yield an understanding of the financial impact of that agreement or contract. The Superintendent shall notify the county superintendent of schools, and the county board of education within those 10 days if, in his or her opinion, the proposed agreement or contract would endanger the fiscal well-being of the county office.

ARTICLE 2

ADMINISTRATION

3541. Public employment relations board

(a) There is in state government the Public Employment Relations Board which shall be independent of any state agency and shall consist of five members. The members of the board shall be appointed by the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. One of the original members shall be chosen for a term of one year, one for a term of three years, and one for a term of five years. The first term for the two new members of the board resulting from the expansion of the board to five members shall be reduced by the Governor as necessary so that the term of only one member of the board shall expire in any given year. Thereafter, terms shall be for a period of five years, except that any person chosen to fill a vacancy shall be appointed only for the unexpired term of the member whom he or she succeeds. Members of the board shall be eligible for reappointment. The Governor shall select one member to serve as chairperson. A member of the board may be removed by the Governor upon notice and hearing for neglect of duty or malfeasance in office, but for no other cause.

(b) A vacancy in the board shall not impair the right of the remaining members to exercise all the powers of the commission, and three members of the board shall at all times constitute a quorum.

(c) The board may delegate its powers to any group of three or more board members. Nothing shall preclude any board member from participating in any case pending before the board.

(d) Members of the board shall hold no other public office in the state, and shall not receive any other compensation for services rendered.

(e) Each member of the board shall receive the salary provided for by Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 11550) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2. In addition to his or her salary, each member of the board shall be reimbursed for all actual and necessary expenses incurred by him or her in the performance of his or her duties, subject to the rules of the Department of Personnel Administration relative to the payment of such expenses to state officers generally.

(f) The board shall appoint an executive director who shall be the chief administrative officer. The executive director shall appoint other persons that may, from time to time, be deemed necessary for the performance of the board's administrative functions, prescribe their duties, fix their compensation, and provide for reimbursement of their expenses in the amounts made available therefor by appropriation. The executive director shall be a person familiar with employer-employee relations. The executive director shall be subject to removal at the pleasure of the board. The Governor shall appoint a general counsel, upon the recommendation of the board, to assist the board in the performance of its functions under this chapter. The general counsel shall serve at the pleasure of the board.

(g) The executive director and general counsel serving the board on December 31, 1977, shall become employees of the Public Employment Relations Board and shall continue to serve at the discretion of the board. A person so employed may, independently of the Attorney General, represent the board in any litigation or other matter pending in a court of law to which the board is a party or in which it is otherwise interested.

(h) The Governor shall appoint one legal adviser for each member of the board upon the recommendation of that board member. Each appointee shall serve at the pleasure of the recommending board member and shall receive a salary as shall be fixed by the board with the approval of the Department of Personnel Administration.

(i) Attorneys serving the board on May 19, 1978, shall not be appointed as legal advisers to board members pursuant to subdivision (h) until such time as they have attained permanent civil service status.

(j) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), the member of the board appointed by the Governor for the term beginning on January 1, 1991, shall not be subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

3541.3. Powers and Duties of the Board

The board shall have all of the following powers and duties:

(a) To determine in disputed cases, or otherwise approve, appropriate units.

(b) To determine in disputed cases whether a particular item is within or without the scope of representation.

(c) To arrange for and supervise representation elections which shall be conducted by means of secret ballot elections, and certify the results of the elections.

(d) To establish lists of persons broadly representative of the public and qualified by experience to be available to serve as mediators, arbitrators, or factfinders. In no case shall these lists include persons who are on the staff of the board.

(e) To establish by regulation appropriate procedures for review of proposals to change unit determinations.

(f) Within its discretion, to conduct studies relating to employer-employee relations, including the collection, analysis, and making available of data relating to wages, benefits, and employment practices in public and private employment, and, when it appears necessary in its judgment to the accomplishment of the purposes of this chapter, recommend legislation. The board shall report to the Legislature by October 15 of each year on its activities during the immediately preceding fiscal year. The board may enter into contracts to develop and maintain research and training programs designed to assist public employers and employee organizations in the discharge of their mutual responsibilities under this chapter.

(g) To adopt, pursuant to Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2, rules and regulations to carry out the provisions and effectuate the purposes and policies of this chapter.

(h) To hold hearings, subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, take the testimony or deposition of any person, and, in connection therewith, to issue subpoenas duces tecum to require the production and examination of any employer's or employee organization's records, books, or papers relating to any matter within its jurisdiction. Notwithstanding Section 11425.10, Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 11400) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 does not apply to a hearing by the board under this chapter, except a hearing to determine an unfair practice charge.

(i) To investigate unfair practice charges or alleged violations of this chapter, and take any action and make any determinations in respect of these charges or alleged violations as the board deems necessary to effectuate the policies of this chapter.

(j) To bring an action in a court of competent jurisdiction to enforce any of its orders, decisions, or rulings, or to enforce the refusal to obey a subpoena. Upon issuance of a complaint charging that any person has engaged in or is engaging in an unfair practice, the board may petition the court for appropriate temporary relief or restraining order.

(k) To delegate its powers to any member of the board or to any person appointed by the board for the performance of its functions, except that no fewer than two board members may participate in the determination of any ruling or decision on the merits of any dispute coming before it, and except that a decision to refuse to issue a complaint shall require the approval of two board members.

(l) To decide contested matters involving recognition, certification, or decertification of employee organizations.

(m) To consider and decide issues relating to rights, privileges, and duties of an employee organization in the event of a merger, amalgamation, or transfer of jurisdiction between two or more employee organizations.

(n) To take any other action as the board deems necessary to discharge its powers and duties and otherwise to effectuate the purposes of this chapter.

3541.4. Interference with board in performance of duties; misdemeanor

Any person who shall willfully resist, prevent, impede or interfere with any member of the board, or any of its agents, in the performance of duties pursuant to this chapter, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

3541.5. Unfair practice; jurisdiction; procedures for investigation, hearing and decision

The initial determination as to whether the charges of unfair practices are justified, and, if so, what remedy is necessary to effectuate the purposes of this chapter, shall be a matter within the exclusive jurisdiction of the board. Procedures for investigating, hearing, and deciding these cases shall be devised and promulgated by the board and shall include all of the following:

(a) Any employee, employee organization, or employer shall have the right to file an unfair practice charge, except that the board shall not do either of the following:

(1) Issue a complaint in respect of any charge based upon an alleged unfair practice occurring more than six months prior to the filing of the charge.

(2) Issue a complaint against conduct also prohibited by the provisions of the agreement between the parties until the grievance machinery of the agreement, if it exists and covers the matter at issue, has been exhausted, either by settlement or binding arbitration. However, when the charging party demonstrates that resort to contract grievance procedure would be futile, exhaustion shall not be necessary. The board shall have discretionary jurisdiction to review the settlement or arbitration award reached pursuant to the grievance machinery solely for the purpose of determining whether it is repugnant to the purposes of this chapter. If the board finds that the settlement or arbitration award is repugnant to the purposes of this chapter, it shall issue a complaint on the basis of a timely filed charge, and hear and decide the case on the merits. Otherwise, it shall dismiss the charge. The board shall, in determining whether the charge was timely filed, consider the six-month limitation set forth in this subdivision to have been tolled during the time it took the charging party to exhaust the grievance machinery.

(b) The board shall not have the authority to enforce agreements between the parties, and shall not issue a complaint on any charge based on alleged violation of any agreement that would not also constitute an unfair practice under this chapter.

(c) The board shall have the power to issue a decision and order directing an offending party to cease and desist from the unfair practice and to take such affirmative action, including but not limited to the reinstatement of employees with or without back pay, as will effectuate the policies of this chapter.

ARTICLE 3

JUDICIAL REVIEW

3542. Right to judicial review; petition for writ of extraordinary relief; notice; jurisdiction; record; findings; enforcement of final decision or order

(a) No employer or employee organization shall have the right to judicial review of a unit determination except: (1) when the board in response to a petition from an employer or employee organization, agrees that the case is one of special importance and joins in the request for such review; or (2) when the issue is raised as a defense to an unfair practice complaint. A board order directing an election shall not be stayed pending judicial review.

Upon receipt of a board order joining in the request for judicial review, a party to the case may petition for a writ of extraordinary relief from the unit determination decision or order.

(b) Any charging party, respondent, or intervenor aggrieved by a final decision or order of the board in an unfair practice case, except a decision of the board not to issue a complaint in such a case, may petition for a writ of extraordinary relief from such decision or order.

(c) Such petition shall be filed in the district court of appeal in the appellate district where the unit determination or unfair practice dispute occurred. The petition shall be filed within 30 days after issuance of the board's final order, order denying reconsideration, or order joining in the request for judicial review, as applicable. Upon the filing of such petition, the court shall cause notice to be served upon the board and thereupon shall have jurisdiction of the proceeding. The board shall file in the court the record of the proceeding, certified by the board, within 10 days after the clerk's notice unless such time is extended by the court for good cause shown. The court shall have jurisdiction to grant to the board such temporary relief or restraining order it deems just and proper and in like manner to make and enter a decree enforcing, modifying, or setting aside the order of the

board. The findings of the board with respect to questions of fact, including ultimate facts, if supported by substantial evidence on the record considered as a whole, are conclusive. The provisions of Title 1 (commencing with Section 1067) of Part 3 of the Code of Civil Procedure relating to writs shall, except where specifically superseded herein, apply to proceedings pursuant to this section.

(d) If the time to petition for extraordinary relief from a board decision has expired, the board may seek enforcement of any final decision or order in a district court of appeal or a superior court in the district where the unit determination or unfair practice case occurred. The board shall respond within 10 days to any inquiry from a party to the action as to why the board has not sought court enforcement of the final decision or order. If the response does not indicate that there has been compliance with the board's final decision or order, the board shall seek enforcement of the final decision or order upon the request of the party. The board shall file in the court the record of the proceeding, certified by the board, and appropriate evidence disclosing the failure to comply with the decision or order. If, after hearing, the court determines that the order was issued pursuant to procedures established by the board and that the person or entity refuses to comply with the order, the court shall enforce such order by writ of mandamus. The court shall not review the merits of the order.

ARTICLE 4

RIGHTS, OBLIGATIONS, PROHIBITIONS AND UNFAIR PRACTICES

3543. Rights of public school employees

(a) Public school employees shall have the right to form, join, and participate in the activities of employee organizations of their own choosing for the purpose of representation on all matters of employer-employee relations. Public school employees shall have the right to represent themselves individually in their employment relations with the public school employer, except that once the employees in an appropriate unit have selected an exclusive representative and it has been recognized pursuant to Section 3544.1 or certified pursuant to Section 3544.7, an employee in that unit shall not meet and negotiate with the public school employer. If the exclusive representative of a unit provides notification, as specified by subdivision (a) of Section 3546, public school employees who are in a unit for which an exclusive representative has been selected, shall be required, as a condition of continued employment, to join the recognized employee organization or to pay the organization a fair share services fee, as required by Section 3546. If a majority of the members of a bargaining unit rescind that arrangement, either of the following options shall be applicable:

(1) The recognized employee organization may petition for the reinstatement of the arrangement described in subdivision (a) of Section 3546 pursuant to the procedures in paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 3546.

(2) The employees may negotiate either of the two forms of organizational security described in subdivision (i) of Section 3540.1.

(b) An employee may at any time present grievances to his or her employer, and have those grievances adjusted, without the intervention of the exclusive representative, as long as the adjustment is reached prior to arbitration pursuant to Sections 3548.5, 3548.6, 3548.7, and 3548.8 and the adjustment is not inconsistent with the terms of a written agreement then in effect, provided that the public school employer shall not agree to a resolution of the grievance until the exclusive representative has received a copy of the grievance and the proposed resolution and has been given the opportunity to file a response.

3543.1. Rights of employee organizations

(a) Employee organizations shall have the right to represent their members in their employment relations with public school employers, except that once an employee organization is recognized or certified as the exclusive representative of an appropriate unit pursuant to Section 3544.1 or 3544.7, respectively, only that employee organization may represent that unit in their employment relations with the public school employer. Employee organizations may establish reasonable restrictions regarding who may join and may make reasonable provisions for the dismissal of individuals from membership.

(b) Employee organizations shall have the right of access at reasonable times to areas in which employees work, the right to use institutional bulletin boards, mailboxes, and other means of communication, subject to reasonable regulation, and the right to use institutional facilities at reasonable times for the purpose of meetings concerned with the exercise of the rights guaranteed by this chapter.

(c) A reasonable number of representatives of an exclusive representative shall have the right to receive reasonable periods of released time without loss of compensation when meeting and negotiating and for the processing of grievances.

(d) All employee organizations shall have the right to have membership dues deducted pursuant to Sections 45060 and 45168 of the Education Code, until an employee organization is recognized as the exclusive representative for any of the employees in an appropriate unit, and then the deduction as to any employee in the negotiating unit shall not be permissible except to the

exclusive representative.

3543.2. Scope of representation

(a) The scope of representation shall be limited to matters relating to wages, hours of employment, and other terms and conditions of employment. "Terms and conditions of employment" mean health and welfare benefits as defined by Section 53200, leave, transfer and reassignment policies, safety conditions of employment, class size, procedures to be used for the evaluation of employees, organizational security pursuant to Section 3546, procedures for processing grievances pursuant to Sections 3548.5, 3548.6, 3548.7, and 3548.8, the layoff of probationary certificated school district employees, pursuant to Section 44959.5 of the Education Code, and alternative compensation or benefits for employees adversely affected by pension limitations pursuant to Section 22316 of the Education Code, to the extent deemed reasonable and without violating the intent and purposes of Section 415 of the Internal Revenue Code. In addition, the exclusive representative of certificated personnel has the right to consult on the definition of educational objectives, the determination of the content of courses and curriculum, and the selection of textbooks to the extent such matters are within the discretion of the public school employer under the law. All matters not specifically enumerated are reserved to the public school employer and may not be a subject of meeting and negotiating, provided that nothing herein may be construed to limit the right of the public school employer to consult with any employees or employee organization on any matter outside the scope of representation.

(b) Notwithstanding Section 44944 of the Education Code, the public school employer and the exclusive representative shall, upon request of either party, meet and negotiate regarding causes and procedures for disciplinary action, other than dismissal, including a suspension of pay for up to 15 days, affecting certificated employees. If the public school employer and the exclusive representative do not reach mutual agreement, then the provisions of Section 44944 of the Education Code shall apply.

(c) Notwithstanding Section 44955 of the Education Code, the public school employer and the exclusive representative shall, upon request of either party, meet and negotiate regarding procedures and criteria for the layoff of certificated employees for lack of funds. If the public school employer and the exclusive representative do not reach mutual agreement, then the provisions of Section 44955 of the Education Code shall apply.

(d) Notwithstanding Section 45028 of the Education Code, the public school employer and the exclusive representative shall, upon request of either party, meet and negotiate regarding the payment of additional compensation based upon criteria other than years of training and years of experience. If the public school employer and the exclusive representative do not reach mutual agreement, then the provisions of Section 45028 of the Education Code shall apply.

(e) Pursuant to Section 45028 of the Education Code, the public school employer and the exclusive representative shall, upon the request of either party, meet and negotiate a salary schedule based on criteria other than a uniform allowance for years of training and years of experience. If the public school employer and the exclusive representative do not reach mutual agreement, then the provisions of Section 45028 of the Education Code requiring a salary schedule based upon a uniform allowance for years of training and years of experience shall apply. A salary schedule established pursuant to this subdivision shall not result in the reduction of the salary of any teacher.

3543.3. Negotiations

A public school employer or such representatives as it may designate who may, but need not be, subject to either certification requirements or requirements for classified employees set forth in the Education Code, shall meet and negotiate with and only with representatives of employee organizations selected as exclusive representatives of appropriate units upon request with regard to matters within the scope of representation.

3543.4. Management position; confidential positions; representation

A person serving in a management position, senior management position, or a confidential position may not be represented by an exclusive representative. Any person serving in such a position may represent himself or herself individually or by an employee organization whose membership is composed entirely of employees designated as holding those positions, in his or her employment relationship with the public school employer, but, in no case, shall such an organization meet and negotiate with the public school employer. A representative may not be permitted by a public school employer to meet and negotiate on any benefit or compensation paid to persons serving in a management position, senior management position or a confidential position.

3543.5. Interference with employees' rights prohibited

It is unlawful for a public school employer to do any of the following:

(a) Impose or threaten to impose reprisals on employees, to discriminate or threaten to discriminate against employees, or otherwise to interfere with, restrain, or coerce employees because of their exercise of rights guaranteed by this chapter. For purposes of this subdivision, "employee" includes an applicant for employment or reemployment.

(b) Deny to employee organizations rights guaranteed to them by this chapter.

(c) Refuse or fail to meet and negotiate in good faith with an exclusive representative. Knowingly providing an exclusive representative with inaccurate information, whether or not in response to a request for information, regarding the financial resources of the public school employer constitutes a refusal or failure to meet and negotiate in good faith.

(d) Dominate or interfere with the formation or administration of any employee organization, or contribute financial or other support to it, or in any way encourage employees to join any organization in preference to another.

(e) Refuse to participate in good faith in the impasse procedure set forth in Article 9 (commencing with Section 3548).

3543.6. Unlawful acts of employee organization

It shall be unlawful for an employee organization to:

(a) Cause or attempt to cause a public school employer to violate Section 3543.5.

(b) Impose or threaten to impose reprisals on employees, to discriminate or threaten to discriminate against employees, or otherwise to interfere with, restrain, or coerce employees because of their exercise of rights guaranteed by this chapter.

(c) Refuse or fail to meet and negotiate in good faith with a public school employer of any of the employees of which it is the exclusive representative.

(d) Refuse to participate in good faith in the impasse procedure set forth in Article 9 (commencing with Section 3548).

3543.7. Duty to meet and negotiate in good faith; time

The duty to meet and negotiate in good faith requires the parties to begin negotiations prior to the adoption of the final budget for the ensuing year sufficiently in advance of such adoption date so that there is adequate time for agreement to be reached, or for the resolution of an impasse.

3543.8. Actions and proceedings; standing; application of section

Any employee organization shall have standing to sue in any action or proceeding heretofore or hereafter instituted by it as representative and on behalf of one or more of its members. The provisions of this section are expressly intended to apply to actions or proceedings commenced prior to, but concluded or pending as of, as well as on and after, the effective date of this section.

ARTICLE 5

EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS: REPRESENTATION, RECOGNITION, CERTIFICATION, AND DECERTIFICATION

3544. Request for recognition; proof of majority support

(a) An employee organization may become the exclusive representative for the employees of an appropriate unit for purposes of meeting and negotiating by filing a request with a public school employer alleging that a majority of the employees in an appropriate unit wish to be represented by such organization and asking the public school employer to recognize it as the exclusive representative. The request shall describe the grouping of jobs or positions which constitute the unit claimed to be appropriate and shall be based upon majority support on the basis of current dues deduction authorizations or other evidence such as notarized membership lists, or membership cards, or petitions designating the organization as the exclusive representative of the employees. Notice of any such request shall immediately be posted conspicuously on all employee bulletin boards in each facility of the public school employer in which members of the unit claimed to be appropriate are employed.

(b) The employee organization shall submit proof of majority support to the board. The information submitted to the board shall remain confidential and not be disclosed by the board. The board shall obtain from the employer the information necessary for it to carry out its responsibilities pursuant to this section and shall report to the employee organization and the public school employer as to whether the proof of majority support is adequate.

3544.1. Grant of request for recognition; representation election; challenge or competing claim; existing agreement; recognition of other organization

The public school employer shall grant a request for recognition filed pursuant to Section 3544, unless any of the following apply:

(a) The public school employer doubts the appropriateness of a unit.

(b) Another employee organization either files with the public school employer a challenge to the appropriateness of the unit or

submits a competing claim of representation within 15 workdays of the posting of notice of the written request. The claim shall be evidenced by current dues deductions authorizations or other evidence such as notarized membership lists, or membership cards, or petitions signed by employees in the unit indicating their desire to be represented by the organization. The evidence shall be submitted to the board, and shall remain confidential and not be disclosed by the board. The board shall obtain from the employer the information necessary for it to carry out its responsibilities pursuant to this section and shall report to the employee organizations seeking recognition and to the public school employer as to the adequacy of the evidence. If the claim is evidenced by the support of at least 30 percent of the members of an appropriate unit, a question of representation exists and the board shall conduct a representation election pursuant to Section 3544.7, unless subdivision (c) or (d) of this section applies.

(c) There is currently in effect a lawful written agreement negotiated by the public school employer and another employee organization covering any employees included in the unit described in the request for recognition, unless the request for recognition is filed less than 120 days, but more than 90 days, prior to the expiration date of the agreement.

(d) The public school employer has, within the previous 12 months, lawfully recognized another employee organization as the exclusive representative of any employees included in the unit described in the request for recognition.

3544.3. Petition requesting representation election; posting of notice of request; appearance on ballot; transmission of petition to board

If, by January 1 of any school year, no employee organization has made a claim of majority support in an appropriate unit pursuant to Section 3544, a majority of employees of an appropriate unit may submit to a public school employer a petition signed by at least a majority of the employees in the appropriate unit requesting a representation election. An employee may sign such a petition though not a member of any employee organization.

Upon the filing of such a petition, the public school employer shall immediately post a notice of such request upon all employee bulletin boards at each school or other facility in which members of the unit claimed to be appropriate are employed.

Any employee organization shall have the right to appear on the ballot if, within 15 workdays after the posting of such notice, it makes the showing of interest required by subdivision (b) of Section 3544.1.

Immediately upon expiration of the 15-workday period following the posting of the notice, the public school employer shall transmit to the board the petition and the names of all employee organizations that have the right to appear on the ballot.

3544.5. Petition requesting investigation, decision on selection of exclusive representative and to determine appropriateness of unit

A petition may be filed with the board, in accordance with its rules and regulations, requesting it to investigate and decide the question of whether employees have selected or wish to select an exclusive representative or to determine the appropriateness of a unit, by:

(a) A public school employer alleging that it doubts the appropriateness of the claimed unit; or

(b) An employee organization alleging that it has filed a request for recognition as an exclusive representative with a public school employer and that the request has been denied or has not been acted upon within 30 days after the filing of the request; or

(c) An employee organization alleging that it has filed a competing claim of representation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 3544.1; or

(d) An employee organization alleging that the employees in an appropriate unit no longer desire a particular employee organization as their exclusive representative, provided that such petition is supported by evidence of support such as notarized membership lists, cards, or petitions from 30 percent of the employees in the negotiating unit indicating support for another organization or lack of support for the incumbent exclusive representative. Such evidence of support shall be submitted to the board, and shall remain confidential and not be disclosed by the board. The board shall obtain from the employer the information necessary for it to carry out its responsibilities pursuant to this section and shall report to the employee organizations seeking recognition and to the public school employer as to the adequacy of the evidence of support.

3544.7. Inquiries, investigations or hearings; determination; election; dismissal of petition

(a) Upon receipt of a petition filed pursuant to Section 3544.3 or 3544.5, the board shall conduct inquiries and investigations or hold any hearings it deems necessary in order to decide the questions raised by the petition. The determination of the board may be based upon the evidence adduced in the inquiries, investigations, or hearing. However, if the board finds on the basis of the evidence that a question of representation exists, or a question of representation exists pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 3544.1, it shall order that an election be conducted by secret ballot and it shall certify the results of the election on the basis of which ballot choice received a majority of the valid votes cast. There shall be printed on each ballot the statement: "no representation." No voter shall record more than one choice on his or her ballot. Any ballot upon which there is recorded more than one choice shall be void and shall not be counted for any purpose. If at any election no choice on the ballot receives a

majority of the votes cast, a runoff election shall be conducted. The ballot for the runoff election shall provide for a selection between the two choices receiving the largest and second largest number of valid votes cast in the election.

(b) An election may not be held and the petition shall be dismissed if either of the following exist:

(1) There is currently in effect a lawful written agreement negotiated by the public school employer and another employee organization covering any employees included in the unit described in the request for recognition, or unless the request for recognition is filed less than 120 days, but more than 90 days, prior to the expiration date of the agreement.

(2) The public school employer has, within the previous 12 months, lawfully recognized an employee organization other than the petitioner as the exclusive representative of any employees included in the unit described in the petition.

3544.9. Recognized or certified exclusive representative; duty

The employee organization recognized or certified as the exclusive representative for the purpose of meeting and negotiating shall fairly represent each and every employee in the appropriate unit.

ARTICLE 6

UNIT DETERMINATIONS

3545. Appropriateness of unit; basis

(a) In each case where the appropriateness of the unit is an issue, the board shall decide the question on the basis of the community of interest between and among the employees and their established practices including, among other things, the extent to which such employees belong to the same employee organization, and the effect of the size of the unit on the efficient operation of the school district.

(b) In all cases:

(1) A negotiating unit that includes classroom teachers shall not be appropriate unless it at least includes all of the classroom teachers employed by the public school employer, except management employees, supervisory employees, and confidential employees.

(2) Except as provided in subdivision (c), a negotiating unit of supervisory employees shall not be appropriate unless it includes all supervisory employees employed by the district and shall not be represented by the same employee organization as employees whom the supervisory employees supervise.

(3) Classified employees and certificated employees shall not be included in the same negotiating unit.

(c) In the case of a district which employs 20 or more supervisory peace officer employees, a negotiating unit of supervisory employees shall be appropriate if it includes any of the following:

(1) All supervisory nonpeace officer employees employed by the district and all supervisory peace officer employees employed by the district.

(2) All supervisory nonpeace officer employees employed by the district, exclusively.

(3) All supervisory peace officer employees employed by the district, exclusively.

A negotiating unit of supervisory employees shall not be represented by the same employee organization as employees whom the supervisory employees supervise.

ARTICLE 7

ORGANIZATIONAL SECURITY

3546. Member of recognized employee organization or payment of fair share service fee; condition of employment.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, upon receiving notice from the exclusive representative of a public school employee who is in a unit for which an exclusive representative has been selected pursuant to this chapter, the employer shall

deduct the amount of the fair share service fee authorized by this section from the wages and salary of the employee and pay that amount to the employee organization. Thereafter, the employee shall, as a condition of continued employment, be required either to join the recognized employee organization or pay the fair share service fee. The amount of the fee shall not exceed the dues that are payable by members of the employee organization, and shall cover the cost of negotiation, contract administration, and other activities of the employee organization that are germane to its functions as the exclusive bargaining representative. Agency fee payers shall have the right, pursuant to regulations adopted by the Public Employment Relations Board, to receive a rebate or fee reduction upon request, of that portion of their fee that is not devoted to the cost of negotiations, contract administration, and other activities of the employee organization that are germane to its function as the exclusive bargaining representative.

(b) The costs covered by the fee under this section may include, but shall not necessarily be limited to, the cost of lobbying activities designed to foster collective bargaining negotiations and contract administration, or to secure for the represented employees advantages in wages, hours, and other conditions of employment in addition to those secured through meeting and negotiating with the employer.

(c) The arrangement described in subdivision (a) shall remain in effect unless it is rescinded pursuant to subdivision (d). The employer shall remain neutral, and shall not participate in any election conducted under this section unless required to do so by the board.

(d)(1) The arrangement described in subdivision (a) may be rescinded by a majority vote of all the employees in the negotiating unit subject to that arrangement, if a request for a vote is supported by a petition containing 30 percent of the employees in the negotiating unit, the signatures are obtained in one academic year. There shall not be more than one vote taken during the term of any collective bargaining agreement in effect on or after January 1, 2001.

(2) If the arrangement described in subdivision (a) is rescinded pursuant to paragraph (1), a majority of all employees in the negotiating unit may request that the arrangement be reinstated. That request shall be submitted to the board along with a petition containing the signatures of at least 30 percent of the employees in the negotiating unit. The vote shall be conducted at the worksite by secret ballot, and shall be conducted no sooner than one year after the rescission of the arrangement under this subdivision.

(3) If the board determines that the appropriate number of signatures have been collected, it shall conduct the vote to rescind or reinstate in a manner that it shall prescribe in accordance with this subdivision.

(4) The cost of conducting an election under this subdivision to reinstate the organizational security arrangement shall be borne by the petitioning party and the cost of conducting an election to rescind the arrangement shall be borne by the board.

(e) The recognized employee organization shall indemnify and hold the public school employer harmless against any reasonable legal fees, legal costs, and settlement or judgment liability arising from any court or administrative action relating to the school district's compliance with this section. The recognized employee organization shall have the exclusive right to determine whether any such action or proceeding shall or shall not be compromised, resisted, defended, tried, or appealed. This indemnification and hold harmless duty shall not apply to actions related to compliance with this section brought by the exclusive representative of district employees against the public school employer.

(f) The employer of a public school employee shall provide the exclusive representative of a public employee with the home address of each member of a bargaining unit, regardless of when that employee commences employment, so that the exclusive representative can comply with the notification requirements set forth by the United States Supreme Court in *Chicago Teachers Union v. Hudson* (1986) 89 L.Ed. 2d 232.

3546.3. Member of religious body whose teachings include objections to joining or supporting employee organizations; exception

Notwithstanding subdivision (i) of Section 3540.1, Section 3546, or any other provision of this chapter, any employee who is a member of a religious body whose traditional tenets or teachings include objections to joining or financially supporting employee organizations shall not be required to join, maintain membership in, or financially support any employee organization as a condition of employment; except that such employee may be required, in lieu of a service fee, to pay sums equal to such service fee either to a nonreligious, nonlabor organization, charitable fund exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of Title 26 of the Internal Revenue Code, chosen by such employee from a list of at least three such funds, designated in the organizational security arrangement, or if the arrangement fails to designate such funds, then to any such fund chosen by the employee. Either the employee organization or the public school employer may require that proof of such payments be made on an annual basis to the public school employer as a condition of continued exemption from the requirement of financial support to the recognized employee organization. If such employee who holds conscientious objections pursuant to this section requests the employee organization to use the grievance procedure or arbitration procedure on the employee's behalf, the employee organization is authorized to charge the employee for the reasonable cost of using such procedure.

3546.5. Record of financial transactions; financial report

Every recognized or certified employee organization shall keep an adequate itemized record of its financial transactions and shall make available annually, to the board and to the employees who are members of the organization, within 60 days after the end of its fiscal year, a detailed written financial report thereof in the form of a balance sheet and an operating statement, signed and certified as to accuracy by its president and treasurer, or corresponding principal officers. In the event of failure of compliance with this section, any employee within the organization may petition the board for an order compelling such compliance, or the board may issue such compliance order on its motion.

ARTICLE 8

PUBLIC NOTICE

3547. Proposals relating to representation; informing public; adoption of proposal; new subjects; regulations

(a) All initial proposals of exclusive representatives and of public school employers, which relate to matters within the scope of representation, shall be presented at a public meeting of the public school employer and thereafter shall be public records.

(b) Meeting and negotiating shall not take place on any proposal until a reasonable time has elapsed after the submission of the proposal to enable the public to become informed and the public has the opportunity to express itself regarding the proposal at a meeting of the public school employer.

(c) After the public has had the opportunity to express itself, the public school employer shall, at a meeting which is open to the public, adopt its initial proposal.

(d) New subjects of meeting and negotiating arising after the presentation of initial proposals shall be made public within 24 hours. If a vote is taken on such subject by the public school employer, the vote thereon by each member voting shall also be made public within 24 hours.

(e) The board may adopt regulations for the purpose of implementing this section, which are consistent with the intent of the section; namely that the public be informed of the issues that are being negotiated upon and have full opportunity to express their views on the issues to the public school employer, and to know of the positions of their elected representatives.

3547.5. Major provisions of agreement with exclusive representative

(a) Before a public school employer enters into a written agreement with an exclusive representative covering matters within the scope of representation, the major provisions of the agreement, including, but not limited to, the costs that would be incurred by the public school employer under the agreement for the current and subsequent fiscal years, shall be disclosed at a public meeting of the public school employer in a format established for this purpose by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

(b) The superintendent of the school district and chief business official shall certify in writing that the costs incurred by the school district under the agreement can be met by the district during the term of the agreement. This certification shall be prepared in a format similar to that of the reports required pursuant to Sections 42130 and 42131 of the Education Code and shall itemize any budget revision necessary to meet the costs of the agreement in each year of its term.

(c) If a school district does not adopt all of the revisions to its budget needed in the current fiscal year to meet the costs of a collective bargaining agreement, the county superintendent of schools shall issue a qualified or negative certification for the district on the next interim report pursuant to Section 42131 of the Education Code.

ARTICLE 9

IMPASSE PROCEDURES

3548. Mediator; mutual agreements

Either a public school employer or the exclusive representative may declare that an impasse has been reached between the parties in negotiations over matters within the scope of representation and may request the board to appoint a mediator for the purpose of assisting them in reconciling their differences and resolving the controversy on terms which are mutually acceptable. If the board determines that an impasse exists, it shall, in no event later than five working days after the receipt of a request, appoint a mediator in accordance with such rules as it shall prescribe. The mediator shall meet forthwith with the parties or their representatives, either jointly or separately, and shall take such other steps as he may deem appropriate in order to persuade the parties to resolve their differences and effect a mutually acceptable agreement. The services of the mediator, including any per diem fees, and actual and necessary travel and subsistence expenses, shall be provided by the board without cost to the parties.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the parties from mutually agreeing upon their own mediation procedure and in the event of such agreement, the board shall not appoint its own mediator, unless failure to do so would be inconsistent with the policies of this chapter. If the parties agree upon their own mediation procedure, the cost of the services of any appointed mediator, unless appointed by the board, including any per diem fees, and actual and necessary travel and subsistence expenses, shall be borne equally by the parties.

3548.1. Fact finding panel; request; selection of panel; chairperson

(a) If the mediator is unable to effect settlement of the controversy within 15 days after his appointment and the mediator declares that factfinding is appropriate to the resolution of the impasse, either party may, by written notification to the other, request that their differences be submitted to a factfinding panel. Within five days after receipt of the written request, each party shall select a person to serve as its member of the factfinding panel. The board shall, within five days after such selection, select a chairperson of the factfinding panel. The chairperson designated by the board shall not, without the consent of both parties, be the same person who served as mediator pursuant to Section 3548.

(b) Within five days after the board selects a chairperson of the factfinding panel, the parties may mutually agree upon a person to serve as chairperson in lieu of the person selected by the board.

3548.2. Fact finding panel; hearing, investigations and inquiries; subpoenas; records from various agencies; considerations in arriving at findings

(a) The panel shall, within 10 days after its appointment, meet with the parties or their representatives, either jointly or separately, and may make inquiries and investigations, hold hearings, and take any other steps as it may deem appropriate. For the purpose of the hearings, investigations, and inquiries, the panel shall have the power to issue subpoenas requiring the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of evidence. The several departments, commissions, divisions, authorities, boards, bureaus, agencies, and officers of the state, or any political subdivision or agency thereof, including any board of education, shall furnish the panel, upon its request, with all records, papers and information in their possession relating to any matter under investigation by or in issue before the panel.

(b) In arriving at their findings and recommendations, the factfinders shall consider, weigh, and be guided by all the following criteria:

(1) State and federal laws that are applicable to the employer.

(2) Stipulations of the parties.

(3) The interests and welfare of the public and the financial ability of the public school employer.

(4) Comparison of the wages, hours, and conditions of employment of the employees involved in the factfinding proceeding with the wages, hours, and conditions of employment of other employees performing similar services and with other employees generally in public school employment in comparable communities.

(5) The consumer price index for goods and services, commonly known as the cost of living.

(6) The overall compensation presently received by the employees, including direct wage compensation, vacations, holidays, and other excused time, insurance and pensions, medical and hospitalization benefits; the continuity and stability of employment; and all other benefits received.

(7) Any other facts, not confined to those specified in paragraphs (1) to (6), inclusive, which are normally or traditionally taken into consideration in making the findings and recommendations.

3548.3. Findings of fact and recommendation of terms of settlement; submission; costs

(a) If the dispute is not settled within 30 days after the appointment of the panel, or, upon agreement by both parties, within a longer period, the panel shall make findings of fact and recommend terms of settlement, which recommendations shall be advisory only. Any findings of fact and recommended terms of settlement shall be submitted in writing to the parties privately before they are made public. The public school employer shall make such findings and recommendations public within 10 days after their receipt.

(b) The costs for the services of the panel chairperson selected by the board, including per diem fees, if any, and actual and necessary travel and subsistence expenses shall be borne by the board.

(c) The costs for the services of the panel chairperson agreed upon by the parties shall be equally divided between the parties, and shall include per diem fees and actual and necessary travel and subsistence expenses. The per diem fees shall not exceed the per diem fees stated on the chairperson's resume on file with the board. The chairperson's bill showing the amount payable by the parties shall accompany his final report to the parties and the board. The chairperson may submit interim bills to the parties

in the course of the proceedings, and copies of such interim bills shall also be sent to the board. The parties shall make payment directly to the chairperson.

(d) Any other mutually incurred costs shall be borne equally by the public school employer and the exclusive representative. Any separately incurred costs for the panel member selected by each party, shall be borne by such party.

3548.4. Continuation of mediation efforts

Nothing in this article shall be construed to prohibit the mediator appointed pursuant to Section 3548 from continuing mediation efforts on the basis of the findings of fact and recommended terms of settlement made pursuant to Section 3548.3.

3548.5. Agreements; final and binding arbitration procedures

A public school employer and an exclusive representative who enter into a written agreement covering matters within the scope of representation may include in the agreement procedures for final and binding arbitration of such disputes as may arise involving the interpretation, application, or violation of the agreement.

3548.6. Agreements; final and binding arbitration pursuant to board rules

If the written agreement does not include procedures authorized by Section 3548.5, both parties to the agreement may agree to submit any disputes involving the interpretation, application, or violation of the agreement to final and binding arbitration pursuant to the rules of the board.

3548.7. Agreements; proceedings for failure to proceed to arbitration

Where a party to a written agreement is aggrieved by the failure, neglect, or refusal of the other party to proceed to arbitration pursuant to the procedures provided therefor in the agreement or pursuant to an agreement made pursuant to Section 3548.6, the aggrieved party may bring proceedings pursuant to Title 9 (commencing with Section 1280) of Part 3 of the Code of Civil Procedure for a court order directing that the arbitration proceed pursuant to the procedures provided therefor in such agreement or pursuant to Section 3548.6.

3548.8. Arbitration award to be final and binding; enforcement

An arbitration award made pursuant to Section 3548.5, 3548.6, or 3548.7 shall be final and binding upon the parties and may be enforced by a court pursuant to Title 9 (commencing with Section 1280) of Part 3 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

ARTICLE 10 MISCELLANEOUS

3549. Construction

The enactment of this chapter shall not be construed as making the provisions of Section 923 of the Labor Code applicable to public school employees and shall not be construed as prohibiting a public school employer from making the final decision with regard to all matters specified in Section 3543.2.

Nothing in this section shall cause any court or the board to hold invalid any negotiated agreement between public school employers and the exclusive representative entered into in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

3549.1. Proceedings exempt from public meeting provisions

All the proceedings set forth in subdivisions (a) to (d), inclusive, are exempt from the provisions of Sections 35144 and 35145 of the Education Code, the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (Article 9 (commencing with Section 11120) of Chapter 1 of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2), and the Ralph M. Brown Act (Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 54950) of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5), unless the parties mutually agree otherwise:

- (a) Any meeting and negotiating discussion between a public school employer and a recognized or certified employee organization.
- (b) Any meeting of a mediator with either party or both parties to the meeting and negotiating process.
- (c) Any hearing, meeting, or investigation conducted by a factfinder or arbitrator.
- (d) Any executive session of the public school employer or between the public school employer and its designated

representative for the purpose of discussing its position regarding any matter within the scope of representation and instructing its designated representatives.

3549.3. Severability

If any provisions of this chapter or the application of such provision to any person or circumstances, shall be held invalid, the remainder of this chapter or the application of such provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid, shall not be affected thereby.

CHAPTER 12

HIGHER EDUCATION EMPLOYER-EMPLOYEE RELATIONS

ARTICLE 1

GENERAL PROVISIONS

3560. Legislative findings and declarations

The Legislature hereby finds and declares that:

(a) The people of the State of California have a fundamental interest in the development of harmonious and cooperative labor relations between the public institutions of higher education and their employees.

(b) All other employees of the public school systems in the state have been granted the opportunity for collective bargaining through the adoption of Chapter 10.3 (commencing with Section 3512) and Chapter 10.7 (commencing with Section 3540), and it would be advantageous and desirable to expand the jurisdiction of the board created thereunder to cover the employees of the University of California, Hastings College of the Law, and the California State University. These institutions of higher education have their own organizational characteristics.

(c) The people of the State of California have established a system of higher education under the Constitution of the State of California with the intention of providing an academic community with full freedom of inquiry and insulation from political influence in the administration thereof. In so doing, the people have caused to be created the regents to govern the University of California, a board of directors to govern Hastings College of the Law, an affiliate of the University of California, and a board of trustees to govern the California State University.

(d) The people and the aforementioned higher education employers each have a fundamental interest in the preservation and promotion of the responsibilities granted by the people of the State of California. Harmonious relations between each higher education employer and its employees are necessary to that endeavor.

(e) It is the purpose of this chapter to provide the means by which relations between each higher education employer and its employees may assure that the responsibilities and authorities granted to the separate institutions under the Constitution and by statute are carried out in an atmosphere which permits the fullest participation by employees in the determination of conditions of employment which affect them. It is the intent of this chapter to accomplish this purpose by providing a uniform basis for recognizing the right of the employees of these systems to full freedom of association, self-organization, and designation of representatives of their own choosing for the purpose of representation in their employment relationships with their employers and to select one of these organizations as their exclusive representative for the purpose of meeting and conferring.

3561. Purposes; full exercise of functions of faculty in shared governance mechanisms or practices

(a) It is the further purpose of this chapter to provide orderly and clearly defined procedures for meeting and conferring and the resolution of impasses, and to define and prohibit certain practices which are inimical to the public interest.

(b) The Legislature recognizes that joint decisionmaking and consultation between administration and faculty or academic employees is the long-accepted manner of governing institutions of higher learning and is essential to the performance of the educational missions of these institutions, and declares that it is the purpose of this chapter to both preserve and encourage that process. Nothing contained in this chapter shall be construed to restrict, limit, or prohibit the full exercise of the functions of the faculty in any shared governance mechanisms or practices, including the Academic Senate of the University of California and the divisions thereof, the Academic Senates of the California State University, and other faculty councils, with respect to policies on academic and professional matters affecting the California State University, the University of California, or Hastings College of the Law. The principle of peer review of appointment, promotion, retention, and tenure for academic employees shall be preserved.

(c) It is the policy of the State of California to encourage the pursuit of excellence in teaching, research, and learning through the

free exchange of ideas among the faculty, students, and staff of the University of California, Hastings College of the Law, and the California State University. All parties subject to this chapter shall respect and endeavor to preserve academic freedom in the University of California, Hastings College of the Law, and the California State University.

3562. Definitions

As used in this chapter:

- (a) "Arbitration" means a method of resolving a rights dispute under which the parties to a controversy must accept the award of a third party.
- (b) "Board" means the Public Employment Relations Board established pursuant to Section 3513.
- (c) "Certified organization" means an employee organization that has been certified by the board as the exclusive representative of the employees in an appropriate unit after a proceeding under Article 5 (commencing with Section 3573).
- (d) "Confidential employee" means any employee who is required to develop or present management positions with respect to meeting and conferring or whose duties normally require access to confidential information which contributes significantly to the development of those management positions.
- (e) "Employee" or "higher education employee" means any employee of the Regents of the University of California, the Directors of the Hastings College of the Law, or the Trustees of the California State University. However, managerial and confidential employees and employees whose principal place of employment is outside the State of California at a worksite with 100 or fewer employees shall be excluded from coverage under this chapter. The board may find student employees whose employment is contingent on their status as students are employees only if the services they provide are unrelated to their educational objectives, or that those educational objectives are subordinate to the services they perform and that coverage under this chapter would further the purposes of this chapter.
- (f) (1) "Employee organization" means any organization of any kind in which higher education employees participate and that exists for the purpose, in whole or in part, of dealing with higher education employers concerning grievances, labor disputes, wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment of employees. An organization that represents one or more employees whose principal worksite is located outside the State of California is an employee organization only if it has filed with the board and with the employer a statement agreeing, in consideration of obtaining the benefits of status as an employee organization pursuant to this chapter, to submit to the jurisdiction of the board. The board shall promulgate the form of the statement.
- (2) "Employee organization" shall also include (2) any person that an employee organization authorizes to act on its behalf. An academic senate, or other similar academic bodies, or divisions thereof, shall not be considered employee organizations for the purposes of this chapter.
- (g) "Employer" or "higher education employer" means the regents in the case of the University of California, the directors in the case of the Hastings College of the Law, and the trustees in the case of the California State University, including any person acting as an agent of an employer.
- (h) "Employer representative" means any person or persons authorized to act on behalf of the employer.
- (i) "Exclusive representative" means any recognized or certified employee organization or person it authorizes to act on its behalf.
- (j) "Impasse" means that the parties have reached a point in meeting and conferring at which their differences in positions are such that further meetings would be futile.
- (k) "Managerial employee" means any employee having significant responsibilities for formulating or administering policies and programs. No employee or group of employees shall be deemed to be managerial employees solely because the employee or group of employees participates in decisions with respect to courses, curriculum, personnel, and other matters of educational policy. A department chair or head of a similar academic unit or program who performs the foregoing duties primarily on behalf of the members of the academic unit or program shall not be deemed a managerial employee solely because of those duties.
- (l) "Mediation" means the efforts of a third person, or persons, functioning as intermediaries, to assist the parties in reaching a voluntary resolution to an impasse.
- (m) "Meet and confer" means the performance of the mutual obligation of the higher education employer and the exclusive representative of its employees to meet at reasonable times and to confer in good faith with respect to matters within the scope of representation and to endeavor to reach agreement on matters within the scope of representation. The process shall include adequate time for the resolution of impasses. If agreement is reached between representatives of the higher education employer and the exclusive representative, they shall jointly prepare a written memorandum of the understanding, which shall be presented to the higher education employer for concurrence. However, these obligations shall not compel either party to agree to any

proposal or require the making of a concession.

(n) "Person" means one or more individuals, organizations, associations, corporations, boards, committees, commissions, agencies, or their representatives.

(o) "Professional employee" means:

(1) Any employee engaged in work: (A) predominantly intellectual and varied in character as opposed to routine mental, manual, mechanical, or physical work; (B) involving the consistent exercise of discretion and judgment in its performance; (C) of a character so that the output produced or the result accomplished cannot be standardized in relation to a given period of time; and (D) requiring knowledge of an advanced type in a field of science or learning customarily acquired by a prolonged course of specialized intellectual instruction and study in an institution of higher learning or a hospital, as distinguished from a general academic education or from an apprenticeship or from training in the performance of routine mental, manual, or physical processes.

(2) Any employee who: (A) has completed the courses of specialized intellectual instruction and study described in subparagraph (D) of paragraph (1), and (B) is performing related work under the supervision of a professional person to qualify himself or herself to become a professional employee as defined in paragraph (1).

(p) "Recognized organization" means an employee organization that has been recognized by an employer as the exclusive representative of the employees in an appropriate unit pursuant to Article 5 (commencing with Section 3573).

(q) (1) For purposes of the University of California only, "scope of representation" means, and is limited to, wages, hours of employment, and other terms and conditions of employment. The scope of representation shall not include any of the following: (A) Consideration of the merits, necessity, or organization of any service, activity, or program established by law or resolution of the regents or the directors, except for the terms and conditions of employment of employees who may be affected thereby. (B) The amount of any fees that are not a term or condition of employment. (C) Admission requirements for students, conditions for the award of certificates and degrees to students, and the content and supervision of courses, curricula, and research programs, as those terms are intended by the standing orders of the regents or the directors. (D) Procedures and policies to be used for the appointment, promotion, and tenure of members of the academic senate, the procedures to be used for the evaluation of the members of the academic senate, and the procedures for processing grievances of members of the academic senate. The exclusive representative of members of the academic senate shall have the right to consult and be consulted on matters excluded from the scope of representation pursuant to this subparagraph. If the academic senate determines that any matter in this subparagraph should be within the scope of representation, or if any matter in this subparagraph is withdrawn from the responsibility of the academic senate, the matter shall be within the scope of representation.

(2) All matters not within the scope of representation are reserved to the employer and may not be subject to meeting and conferring, provided that nothing herein may be construed to limit the right of the employer to consult with any employees or employee organization on any matter outside the scope of representation.

(r) (1) For purposes of the California State University only, "scope of representation" means, and is limited to, wages, hours of employment, and other terms and conditions of employment. The scope of representation shall not include: (A) Consideration of the merits, necessity, or organization of any service, activity, or program established by statute or regulations adopted by the trustees, except for the terms and conditions of employment of employees who may be affected thereby. (B) The amount of any student fees that are not a term or condition of employment. (C) Admission requirements for students, conditions for the award of certificates and degrees to students, and the content and conduct of courses, curricula, and research programs. (D) Criteria and standards to be used for the appointment, promotion, evaluation, and tenure of academic employees, which shall be the joint responsibility of the academic senate and the trustees. The exclusive representative shall have the right to consult and be consulted on matters excluded from the scope of representation pursuant to this subparagraph. If the trustees withdraw any matter in this subparagraph from the responsibility of the academic senate, the matter shall be within the scope of representation. (E) The amount of rental rates for housing charged to California State University employees.

(2) All matters not within the scope of representation are reserved to the employer, and may not be subject to meeting and conferring, provided that nothing herein may be construed to limit the right of the employer to consult with any employees or employee organization on any matter outside the scope of representation.

3562.1. California state university; establishment of flexible benefit plans; legislative approval of expenditures

The California State University may meet and confer with the employee organization selected as the exclusive representative of appropriate units at the university on the establishment of flexible benefit plans. Any agreement between the university and an employee organization which requires the expenditure of funds for a flexible benefit program is not subject to legislative approval if funds otherwise appropriated to the California State University for employee compensation are sufficient to finance the flexible benefit plan.

3562.2. Scope of representation defined.

Notwithstanding subdivision (r) of Section 3562, for purposes of the California State University only, "scope of representation" also means any retirement benefits available to a state member under Part 3 (commencing with Section 20000) of Title 2.

ARTICLE 2 ADMINISTRATION

3563. Public Employment Relations Board; Rights, Powers, Duties and Responsibilities.

This chapter shall be administered by the Public Employment Relations Board. In administering this chapter the board shall have all of the following rights, powers, duties and responsibilities:

- (a) To determine in disputed cases, or otherwise approve, appropriate units.
- (b) To determine in disputed cases whether a particular item is within or without the scope of representation.
- (c) To arrange for and supervise representation elections which shall be conducted by means of secret ballot elections, and to certify the results of the elections.
- (d) To establish lists of persons broadly representative of the public and qualified by experience to be available to serve as mediators, arbitrators, or factfinders. In no case shall the lists include persons who are on the staff of the board.
- (e) To establish by regulation appropriate procedures for review of proposals to change unit determinations.
- (f) To adopt, pursuant to Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2, rules and regulations to carry out the provisions and effectuate the purposes and policies of this chapter.
- (g) To hold hearings, subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, take the testimony or deposition of any person, and, in connection therewith, to issue subpoenas duces tecum to require the production and examination of any employer's or employee organization's records, books, or papers relating to any matter within its jurisdiction, except for those records, books, or papers confidential under statute. Notwithstanding Section 11425.10, Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 11400) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 does not apply to a hearing by the board under this section, except a hearing to determine an unfair practice charge.
- (h) To investigate unfair practice charges or alleged violations of this chapter, and to take any action and make any determinations in respect of these charges or alleged violations as the board deems necessary to effectuate the policies of this chapter.
- (i) To bring an action in a court of competent jurisdiction to enforce any of its orders, decisions or rulings or to enforce the refusal to obey a subpoena. Upon issuance of a complaint charging that any person has engaged in or is engaging in an unfair practice, the board may petition the court for appropriate temporary relief or restraining order.
- (j) To delegate its powers to any member of the board or to any person appointed by the board for the performance of its functions, except that no fewer than two board members may participate in the determination of any ruling or decision on the merits of any dispute coming before it and except that a decision to refuse to issue a complaint shall require the approval of two board members.
- (k) To decide contested matters involving recognition, certification, or decertification of employee organizations.
- (l) To consider and decide issues relating to rights, privileges, and duties of an employee organization in the event of a merger, amalgamation, or transfer of jurisdiction between two or more employee organizations.
- (m) To take any other action as the board deems necessary to discharge its powers and duties and otherwise to effectuate the purposes of this chapter.

3563.1. Willful resistance, prevention, impedance or interference with member of the board or its agent in performance of duties; misdemeanor; penalty

Any person who shall willfully resist, prevent, impede or interfere with any member of the board, or any of its agents, in the performance of duties pursuant to this chapter, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

3563.2. Charge of unfair practice; initial determination; exclusive jurisdiction of board; procedures for investigation, hearing and decision

The initial determination as to whether the charges of unfair practices are justified, and, if so, what remedy is necessary to

effectuate the purposes of this chapter, shall be a matter within the exclusive jurisdiction of the board. Procedures for investigating, hearing, and deciding these cases shall be devised and promulgated by the board.

(a) Any employee, employee organization, or employer shall have the right to file an unfair practice charge, except that the board shall not issue a complaint in respect of any charge based upon an alleged unfair practice occurring more than six months prior to the filing of the charge.

(b) The board shall not have authority to enforce agreements between the parties, and shall not issue a complaint on any charge based on alleged violation of such an agreement that would not also constitute an unfair practice under this chapter.

3563.3. Order to cease and desist and to take affirmative action; power of the board

The board shall have the power to issue a decision and order directing an offending party to cease and desist from the unfair practice and to take such affirmative action, including, but not limited to, the reinstatement of employees with or without back pay, as will effectuate the policies of this chapter.

ARTICLE 3

JUDICIAL REVIEW

3564. Unit determination; stay of order directing election; petition for writ of extraordinary relief; notice; jurisdiction; record; findings; enforcement of final decision or order

(a) No employer or employee organization shall have the right to judicial review of a unit determination except: (1) when the board in response to a petition from an employer or employee organization, agrees that the case is one of special importance and joins in the request for such review; or (2) when the issue is raised as a defense to an unfair practice complaint. A board order directing an election shall not be stayed pending judicial review.

Upon receipt of a board order joining in the request for judicial review, a party to the case may petition for a writ of extraordinary relief from the unit determination decision or order.

(b) Any charging party, respondent, or intervenor aggrieved by a final decision or order of the board in an unfair practice case, except a decision of the board not to issue a complaint in such a case, may petition for a writ of extraordinary relief from such decision or order.

(c) Such petition shall be filed in the district court of appeal in the appellate district where the unit determination or unfair practice dispute occurred. The petition shall be filed within 30 days after issuance of the board's final order, order denying reconsideration, or order joining in the request for judicial review, as applicable. Upon the filing of such petition, the court shall cause notice to be served upon the board and thereupon shall have jurisdiction of the proceeding. The board shall file in the court the record of the proceeding, certified by the board, within 10 days after the clerk's notice unless such time is extended by the court for good cause shown. The court shall have jurisdiction to grant to the board such temporary relief or restraining order it deems just and proper and in like manner to make and enter a decree enforcing, modifying, or setting aside the order of the board. The findings of the board with respect to questions of fact, including ultimate facts, if supported by substantial evidence on the record considered as a whole, are conclusive. The provisions of Title 1 (commencing with Section 1067) of Part 3 of the Code of Civil Procedure relating to writs shall, except where specifically superseded herein, apply to proceedings pursuant to this section.

(d) If the time to petition for extraordinary relief from a board decision has expired, the board may seek enforcement of any final decision or order in a district court of appeal or a superior court in the district where the unit determination or unfair practice case occurred. If, after hearing, the court determines that the order was issued pursuant to procedures established by the board and that the person or entity refuses to comply with the order, the court shall enforce such order by writ of mandamus. The court shall not review the merits of the order.

ARTICLE 4

RIGHTS, OBLIGATIONS, PROHIBITIONS, AND UNFAIR LABOR PRACTICES

3565. Right to form, join and participate in employee organizations; right to refuse

Higher education employees shall have the right to form, join and participate in the activities of employee organizations of their own choosing for the purpose of representation on all matters of employer-employee relations and for the purpose of meeting and conferring. Higher education employees shall also have the right to refuse to join employee organizations or to participate in the activities of these organizations subject to the organizational security provision permissible under this chapter.

3566. Employee organizations and associations; registering; determining status; identifying official representatives

The Trustees of the California State University shall adopt reasonable rules and regulations for all of the following:

- (a) Registering employee organizations, as defined in Section 3562, and bona fide associations, as defined in Section 1150.
- (b) Determining the status of organizations and associations as employee organizations or bona fide associations.
- (c) Identifying the officers and representatives who officially represent employee organizations and bona fide associations.

3567. Grievances; presentation individually or through representative; adjustment; resolution

Any employee or group of employees may at any time, either individually or through a representative of their own choosing, present grievances to the employer and have such grievances adjusted, without the intervention of the exclusive representative; provided, the adjustment is reached prior to arbitration pursuant to Section 3589, and the adjustment is not inconsistent with the terms of a written memorandum then in effect. The employer shall not agree to resolution of the grievance until the exclusive representative has received a copy of the grievance and the proposed resolution, and has been given the opportunity to file a response.

3568. Rights of access and use by employee organizations

Subject to reasonable regulations, employee organizations shall have the right of access at reasonable times to areas in which employees work, the right to use institutional bulletin boards, mailboxes and other means of communication, and the right to use institutional facilities at reasonable times for the purpose of meetings concerned with the exercise of the rights guaranteed by this act.

3569. Released or reassigned time for representatives of exclusive representatives

A reasonable number of representatives of an exclusive representative shall have the right to receive reasonable periods of released or reassigned time without loss of compensation when engaged in meeting and conferring and for the processing of grievances prior to the adoption of the initial memorandum of understanding. When a memorandum of understanding is in effect, released or reassigned time shall be in accordance with the memorandum.

3569.5. California state universities; employee representatives; time off with compensation to attend meetings

- (a) The state shall allow up to three employee representatives from each employee organization which represents employees of the California State University reasonable time off during working hours without loss of compensation or other benefits, to attend and make oral presentations at meetings of the Trustees of the California State University, or a committee thereof, held during the working hours of the employees, if a matter affecting conditions of employment is scheduled for consideration.
- (b) Any employee organization wishing to send employee representatives to make oral presentations at such a meeting shall submit a request to the trustees far enough in advance to permit scheduling of speakers pursuant to rules and regulations of the trustees. Each employee organization shall be limited to not more than three speakers at any meeting.
- (c) Only employee representatives who are named in the request submitted to the trustees as employee representatives who will make an oral presentation, and who intend to make an oral presentation, shall be allowed time off as specified in subdivision (a). Other employees may attend meetings by taking vacation time, compensating time off, or time off without pay if the workload permits, when approved by their supervisor.
- (d) Nothing in this section shall preclude the trustees from adopting rules and regulations relating to time off for employees not represented by an employee organization to attend meetings.
- (e) If the provisions of this section are in conflict with the provisions of a memorandum of understanding reached pursuant to this chapter, the memorandum of understanding shall be controlling without further legislative action, except that if the provisions of a memorandum of understanding require the expenditure of funds, the provisions shall not become effective unless approved by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act.

3570. Meeting and conferring with employee organization by employer

Higher education employers, or such representatives as they may designate, shall engage in meeting and conferring with the employee organization selected as exclusive representative of an appropriate unit on all matters within the scope of representation.

3571. Unlawful employer practices

It shall be unlawful for the higher education employer to do any of the following:

- (a) Impose or threaten to impose reprisals on employees, to discriminate or threaten to discriminate against employees, or otherwise to interfere with, restrain, or coerce employees because of their exercise of rights guaranteed by this chapter. For purposes of this subdivision, "employee" includes an applicant for employment or reemployment.
- (b) Deny to employee organizations rights guaranteed to them by this chapter.
- (c) Refuse or fail to engage in meeting and conferring with an exclusive representative.
- (d) Dominate or interfere with the formation or administration of any employee organization, or contribute financial or other support to it, or in any way encourage employees to join any organization in preference to another. However, subject to rules and regulations adopted by the board pursuant to Section 3563, an employer shall not be prohibited from permitting employees to engage in meeting and conferring or consulting during working hours without loss of pay or benefits.
- (e) Refuse to participate in good faith in the impasse procedure set forth in Article 9 (commencing with Section 3590).
- (f) Consult with any academic, professional, or staff advisory group on any matter within the scope of representation for employees who are represented by an exclusive representative, or for whom an employee organization has filed a request for recognition or certification as an exclusive representative until such time as the request is withdrawn or an election has been held in which "no representative" received a majority of the votes cast. This subdivision is not intended to diminish the prohibition of unfair practices contained in subdivision (d). For the purposes of this subdivision, the term "academic" shall not be deemed to include the academic senates.

3571.1. Unlawful employee organization practices

It shall be unlawful for an employee organization to:

- (a) Cause or attempt to cause the higher education employer to violate Section 3571.
- (b) Impose or threaten to impose reprisals on employees, to discriminate or threaten to discriminate against employees, or otherwise to interfere with, restrain, or coerce employees because of their exercise of rights guaranteed by this chapter.
- (c) Refuse or fail to engage in meeting and conferring with the higher education employer.
- (d) Refuse to participate in good faith in the impasse procedure set forth in Article 9 (commencing with Section 3590).
- (e) Fail to represent fairly and impartially all the employees in the unit for which it is the exclusive representative.
- (f) Require of employees covered by a memorandum of understanding to which it is a party the payment of a fee, as a condition precedent to becoming a member of such organization, in an amount which the board finds excessive or discriminatory under all the circumstances. In making such a finding, the board shall consider, among other relevant factors, the practices and customs of employee organizations in higher education, and the wages currently paid to the employees affected.
- (g) Cause, or attempt to cause, an employer to pay or deliver, or agree to pay or deliver, any money or other thing of value, in the nature of an exaction, for services which are not performed or are not to be performed.

3571.3. Expression or dissemination of opinions not constitute or be evidence of unfair labor practice; exceptions

The expression of any views, arguments, or opinions, or the dissemination thereof, whether in written, printed, graphic, or visual form, shall not constitute, or be evidence of, an unfair labor practice under any provision of this chapter, unless such expression contains a threat of reprisal, force, or promise of benefit; provided, however, that the employer shall not express a preference for one employee organization over another employee organization.

3572. State university; meeting and conferring; written memoranda which require budgetary or curative action; approval

This section shall apply only to the California State University.

- (a) The duty to meet and confer in good faith requires the parties to begin negotiations prior to the adoption of the final budget for the ensuing year sufficiently in advance of the adoption date so that there is adequate time for agreement to be reached, or for the resolution of an impasse. The California State University shall maintain close liaison with the Department of Finance and the Legislature relative to the meeting and conferring on provisions of the written memoranda that have fiscal ramifications. The

Governor shall appoint one representative to attend the meeting and conferring, including the impasse procedure, to advise the parties on the views of the Governor on matters that would require an appropriation or legislative action, and the Speaker of the Assembly and the Senate Committee on Rules may each appoint one representative to attend the meeting and conferring to advise the parties on the views of the Legislature on matters that would require an appropriation or legislative action.

(b) No written memoranda reached pursuant to this chapter that require budgetary or curative action by the Legislature or other funding agencies shall be effective unless and until that action has been taken. Following execution of written memoranda of understanding, an appropriate request for financing or budgetary funding for all state-funded employees or for necessary legislation shall be forwarded promptly to the Legislature and the Governor or other funding agencies. When memoranda require legislative action pursuant to this section, if the Legislature or the Governor fail to fully fund the memoranda or to take the requisite curative action, the entire memoranda shall be referred back to the parties for further meeting and conferring unless the parties agree that provisions of the memoranda that are nonbudgetary and do not require funding shall take effect whether or not the funding requests submitted to the Legislature are approved

3572.1. Maritime academy; meeting and conferring; written memoranda which require budgetary or curative action; approval for increased expenditures; memoranda of understanding; suspension or modification of provisions; effect of memoranda

This section shall apply only to the California Maritime Academy.

(a) The duty to engage in meeting and conferring requires the parties to begin meeting and conferring at least 60 days prior to the expiration of memoranda of understanding, or May 1, if earlier, of any year in which a memorandum shall expire, or May 1, if there is no existing memorandum of understanding. The trustees shall maintain close liaison with the Department of Finance and the Legislature relative to the meeting and conferring on provisions of the written memoranda that have fiscal ramifications.

No written memoranda reached pursuant to this chapter that require budgetary or curative action by the Legislature or other funding agencies, including the Federal Maritime Administration, shall be effective unless and until that action has been taken. Following execution of written memoranda of understanding, an appropriate request for financing or budgetary funding for all state-funded employees or for necessary legislation will be forwarded promptly to the Legislature and the Governor or other funding agencies. When memoranda require legislative action pursuant to this section, if the Legislature or the Governor fails fully to fund the memoranda or to take the requisite curative action, the entire memoranda shall be referred back to the parties for further meeting and conferring; provided, however, that the parties may agree that provisions of the memoranda that are nonbudgetary and do not require funding shall take effect whether or not the funding requests submitted to the Legislature are approved.

The Legislature recognizes that the California Maritime Academy's sources of funding are multiple, and approval by the Legislature, and by other public agencies, as to employees funded by those agencies, may be required prior to implementation of increased expenditures resulting from agreements reached in accordance with this chapter.

(b) The Legislature finds that federal funding in support of the California Maritime Academy is essential. The trustees may suspend or modify any provision of a memorandum of understanding that jeopardizes federal funding, but shall provide notice to exclusive representatives of any such suspension or modification and shall meet and confer with the exclusive representative, if requested to do so, to explain the need for, and the effects of, the suspension or modification.

(c) Any memorandum of understanding that is in effect at the time that the employer-employee relations of the California Maritime Academy is transferred from the Ralph C. Dills Act (Chapter 10.3 (commencing with Section 3512) of Division 4 of Title 1), to the Higher Education Employer-Employee Relations Act (Chapter 12 (commencing with Section 3560) of Division 4 of Title 1), shall remain in effect until the end of the term of the memorandum of understanding, upon extension of the contracts in existence on June 30, 1995, or until superseded by a new memorandum of understanding.

(d) If agreement is reached to extend existing memoranda of understanding covering California Maritime Academy employees beyond the current June 30, 1995, expiration date, then any decisions, agreements, or settlements made by the California State University in the administration of the memoranda of understanding relative to employees of the California Maritime Academy shall not be binding upon, or considered as precedent required to be followed by, the Department of Personnel Administration.

(e) This section shall become operative on July 1, 1995.

3572.3. University of California; meeting and conferring; written memorandum which require budgetary or curative action; approval

This section shall apply only to the University of California.

(a) The duty to engage in meeting and conferring requires the parties to begin meeting and conferring at least 60 days prior to the expiration of memoranda of understanding, or the May 1, if earlier, of any year in which a memorandum shall expire, or May 1, if there is no existing memorandum. The University of California and Hastings College of the Law shall maintain close liaison with the Department of Finance and the Legislature relative to the meeting and conferring on provisions of the written memoranda

which have fiscal ramifications.

No written memoranda reached pursuant to the provisions of this chapter which require budgetary or curative action by the Legislature or other funding agencies shall be effective unless and until such an action has been taken. Following execution of written memoranda of understanding, an appropriate request for financing or budgetary funding in the aggregate for all state-funded employees or for necessary legislation will be forwarded promptly to the Legislature and the Governor or other funding agencies. When memoranda require legislative action pursuant to this section, if the Legislature or the Governor fail to fully fund the memoranda or to take the requisite curative action, the entire memoranda shall be referred back to the parties for further meeting and conferring; provided, however, that the parties may agree that provisions of the memoranda which are nonbudgetary and do not require funding shall take effect whether or not the aggregate funding requests submitted to the Legislature are approved. The Legislature recognizes that the University of California's sources of funding are multiple and approval by the Legislature, and by other public agencies, as to employees funded by those agencies, may be required prior to implementation of increased expenditures resulting from agreements reached in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

3572.5. Memorandum of understanding to control over provisions of law in conflict

(a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), in the case where the following provisions of law are in conflict with a memorandum of understanding, the memorandum of understanding shall be controlling.

(1) Part 13 (commencing with Section 22000) of, and Sections 66609, 89007, 89039, 89500, 89501, 89502, 89503, 89504, 89505, 89505.5, 89506, 89507, 89508, 89510, 89512, 89513, 89514, 89515, 89516, 89517, 89518, 89519, 89520, 89523, 89524, 89527, 89531, 89532, 89533, 89534, 89537, 89541, 89542, 89543, 89544, 89545, 89546, 89550, 89551, 89552, 89553, 89554, 89555, 89556, 89700, and 89701 of, the Education Code.

(2) Sections 825, 825.2, 825.6, 3569.5, 6700, 11020, and 11021, Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 18150) of Part 1 of Division 5 of Title 2, Sections 18200, 19841, 19848, 19850.6, and 19864, Article 4 (commencing with Section 19869) and Article 5 (commencing with Section 19878) of Chapter 2.5 of Part 2.6 of Division 5 of Title 2, and Section 22871.

(3) Sections 395, 395.01, 395.05, 395.1, and 395.3 of the Military and Veterans Code.

(b) (1) Notwithstanding the inclusion in Section 89542.5 of the Education Code, except with respect to paragraph (5) of subdivision (a) of that section, of a provision providing that, if the statute is in conflict with a memorandum of understanding reached pursuant to this chapter, the memorandum of understanding shall be controlling without further legislative action, unless the memorandum of understanding requires the expenditure of funds, that section, except for paragraph (5) of subdivision (a) of that section, provides a minimum level of benefits or rights, and is superseded by a memorandum of understanding only if the relevant terms of the memorandum of understanding provide more than the minimum level of benefits or rights set forth in that section, except for paragraph (5) of subdivision (a) of that section.

(2) This subdivision only applies to a memorandum of understanding entered into on or after January 1, 2002.

ARTICLE 5

EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS: REPRESENTATION, RECOGNITION, CERTIFICATION AND DECERTIFICATION

3573. Request for recognition as exclusive representative; filing; certification of majority support; notice; posting

An employee organization may become the exclusive representative for the employees of an appropriate unit for purposes of meeting and conferring by filing a request with a higher education employer alleging that a majority of the employees in an appropriate unit wish to be represented by such organization and asking the employer to recognize it as the exclusive representative. The request shall describe the grouping of jobs or positions which constitute the unit claimed to be appropriate and shall certify that proof of majority support has been submitted to either the board or to a mutually agreed upon third party. Notice of any such request shall immediately be posted conspicuously on all employee bulletin boards in each facility of the employer in which members of the unit claimed to be appropriate are employed.

3574. Grant of request; exceptions

The higher education employer shall grant a request for recognition filed pursuant to Section 3573 unless any of the following occurs:

(a) The employer reasonably doubts that the employee organization has majority support or reasonably doubts the appropriateness of the requested unit. In that case, the employer shall notify the board, which shall conduct a representation election or verify proof of majority support pursuant to Section 3577 unless subdivision (c) or (d) applies.

(b) Another employee organization either files with the employer a challenge to the appropriateness of the unit or submits a

competing claim of representation within 15 workdays of the posting of notice of the written request. If the claim is evidenced by the support of at least 30 percent of the members of the proposed unit, a question of representation shall be deemed to exist and the board shall conduct a representation election pursuant to Section 3577. Proof of that support shall be submitted to either the board or to a mutually agreed upon third party.

(c) There is currently in effect a lawful written memorandum of understanding between the employer and another employee organization recognized or certified as the exclusive representative of any employees included in the unit described in the request for recognition, unless the request for recognition is filed not more than 120 days and not less than 90 days prior to the expiration date of the memorandum of understanding, provided that, if the memorandum of understanding has been in effect for three years or more, there shall be no restriction as to the time of filing the request. The existence of a memorandum of understanding, or current certification as the exclusive representative, shall be the proof of support necessary to trigger a representation election pursuant to Section 3577 to determine majority support when a request for recognition is made by another employee organization.

(d) Within the previous 12 months, either another employee organization has been lawfully recognized or certified as the exclusive representative of any employees included in the unit described in the request for recognition, or a majority of the votes cast in a representation election held pursuant to Section 3577 were cast for "no representation."

3575. Petition to board to decide whether employees selected or wish to select exclusive representative or appropriateness of unit

A petition may be filed with the board, in accordance with its rules and regulations, requesting it to investigate and decide the question of whether employees have selected or wish to select an exclusive representative or to determine the appropriateness of a unit, by:

(a) An employee organization alleging that it has filed a request for recognition as an exclusive representative with an employer and that the request has been denied or has not been acted upon within 30 days after the filing of the request; or

(b) An employee organization alleging that it has filed a competing claim of representation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 3574; or

(c) An employee organization wishing to be certified by the board as the exclusive representative. Such petition for certification as the exclusive representative in an appropriate unit shall include proof of a 30 percent showing of interest designating the organization as the exclusive representative of the employees.

3576. Petition for decertification of exclusive representative or reconsideration of appropriateness of unit

A petition may be filed with the board, in accordance with its rules and regulations, requesting it to investigate and decide the question of whether the employees wish to decertify an exclusive representative or to reconsider the appropriateness of a unit. Such petition may allege that the employees in an appropriate unit no longer desire a particular employee organization as their exclusive representative, provided that such petition is supported by 30 percent of the employees in the unit indicating support for another organization or lack of support for the incumbent exclusive representative.

3577. Petition on representation; investigations and hearings; determination; election; dismissal of petition

(a) (1) (A) Upon receipt of a petition filed pursuant to Section 3575, the board shall conduct inquiries and investigations, or hold hearings, as it deems necessary in order to decide the questions raised by the petition. The determination of the board may be based upon the evidence adduced in the inquiries, investigations, or hearings.

(B) If the board finds, on the basis of the evidence, that a question of representation exists, or a question of representation is deemed to exist pursuant to subdivision (a) or (b) of Section 3574, it shall, in a case where the criteria of subparagraph (A) of paragraph (2) are not met, order that an election shall be conducted by secret ballot placing on the ballot all employee organizations evidencing support of at least 10 percent of the members of an appropriate unit, and it shall certify the results of the election on the basis of which ballot choice received a majority of the valid votes cast. There shall be printed on the initial ballot the choice of "no representation."

(C) If, at any election, no choice on the ballot receives a majority of the votes cast, a runoff election shall be conducted. The ballot for the runoff election shall provide for a selection between the two choices receiving the largest and second largest number of valid votes cast in the election.

(2) (A) If the petitioning employee organization provides proof of support of more than 50 percent of the members of the appropriate unit, and no other employee organization has provided proof of support of at least 30 percent of the members of the appropriate unit, the employee organization providing the proof of support of more than 50 percent of the appropriate unit shall be certified by the board as the exclusive representative, as provided in subdivision (a) of Section 3563 and, where applicable, in Section 3579. The procedures for determining proof of support shall be defined by regulations of the board.

(B) In the event the petitioning employee organization does not provide proof of support of more than 50 percent of the members of the appropriate unit, or another employee organization provides proof of support of at least 30 percent of the members of the appropriate unit, then the procedures of paragraph (1) shall apply.

(C) The existence of a memorandum of understanding, or current certification as the exclusive representative, shall be the proof of support necessary to trigger a representation election pursuant to this section to determine majority support when a request for recognition is made by another employee organization.

(3) An employee organization shall, at its discretion, submit proof of support for the purposes of this section either to the board or to a mutually agreed-upon third party.

(b) No election shall be held and the petition shall be dismissed whenever either of the following occurs:

(1) There is currently in effect a memorandum of understanding between the employer and another employee organization recognized or certified as the exclusive representative of any employees included in the unit described in the petition, unless the petition is filed not more than 120 days and not less than 90 days prior to the expiration date of that memorandum. If the memorandum has been in effect for three years or more, there shall be no restriction as to time of filing the petition.

(2) Within the previous 12 months, either an employee organization other than the petitioner has been lawfully recognized or certified as the exclusive representative of any employees included in the unit described in the petition, or a majority of the votes cast in a representation election held pursuant to subdivision (a) were cast for "no representation."

3578. Duty of exclusive representative to represent all employees fairly and impartially

The employee organization recognized or certified as the exclusive representative shall represent all employees in the unit, fairly and impartially. A breach of this duty shall be deemed to have occurred if the employee organization's conduct in representation is arbitrary, discriminatory, or in bad faith.

ARTICLE 6

UNIT DETERMINATION

3579. Factors in determination of appropriateness; presumptions; skilled craft employees; members of academic senate of University of California; exclusion of peace officers

(a) In each case where the appropriateness of a unit is an issue, in determining an appropriate unit, the board shall take into consideration all of the following criteria:

(1) The internal and occupational community of interest among the employees, including, but not limited to, the extent to which they perform functionally related services or work toward established common goals, the history of employee representation with the employer, the extent to which the employees belong to the same employee organization, the extent to which the employees have common skills, working conditions, job duties, or similar educational or training requirements, and the extent to which the employees have common supervision.

(2) The effect that the projected unit will have on the meet and confer relationships, emphasizing the availability and authority of employer representatives to deal effectively with employee organizations representing the unit, and taking into account factors such as work location, the numerical size of the unit, the relationship of the unit to organizational patterns of the higher education employer, and the effect on the existing classification structure or existing classification schematic of dividing a single class or single classification schematic among two or more units.

(3) The effect of the proposed unit on efficient operations of the employer and the compatibility of the unit with the responsibility of the higher education employer and its employees to serve students and the public.

(4) The number of employees and classifications in a proposed unit, and its effect on the operations of the employer, on the objectives of providing the employees the right to effective representation, and on the meet and confer relationship.

(5) The impact on the meet and confer relationship created by fragmentation of employee groups or any proliferation of units among the employees of the employer.

(b) There shall be a presumption that professional employees and nonprofessional employees shall not be included in the same representation unit. However, the presumption shall be rebuttable, depending upon what the evidence pertinent to the criteria set forth in subdivision (a) establishes.

(c) There shall be a presumption that all employees within an occupational group or groups located principally within the State of California shall be included within a single representation unit. However, the presumption shall be rebutted if there is a preponderance of evidence that a single representation unit is inconsistent with the criteria set forth in subdivision (a) or with the purposes of this chapter.

(d) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section, or any other provision of law, an appropriate group of skilled crafts employees shall have the right to be a single, separate unit of representation. Skilled crafts employees shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, employment categories such as carpenters, plumbers, electricians, painters, and operating engineers. The single unit of representation shall include not less than all skilled crafts employees at a campus or at a Lawrence Laboratory.

(e) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section, the only appropriate representation units including members of the academic senate of the University of California shall be either a single statewide unit consisting of all eligible members of the senate, or divisional units consisting of all eligible members of a division of the senate. In addition to the limitations of subdivision (q) of Section 3562, the scope of representation of any divisional unit shall be limited to those matters which have customarily been determined on a division basis, but the employer shall consult with the exclusive representative of a division on matters which would be within the scope of representation or consultation of a statewide representative. When 35 percent of the eligible members of the academic senate are represented by an exclusive representative or representatives in divisional units, the board, on petition of a representative or of an organization comprised of those representatives, shall conduct an election to determine if the eligible members of the entire senate wish thereafter to be represented by a representative or organization in a single unit on all matters within the scope of representation. Any other exclusive representative or organization of representatives or any employee organization meeting the requirements of subdivision (a) of Section 3577 shall be entitled, on petition, to appear on the ballot, and in the event no choice receives a majority of the votes cast, the runoff provisions of subdivision (a) of Section 3577 shall be applicable.

(f) The board shall not determine that any unit is appropriate if it includes, together with other employees, employees who are defined as peace officers pursuant to subdivisions (b) and (c) of Section 830.2 of the Penal Code.

ARTICLE 6.5

SUPERVISORS

3580. Inapplicability of other provisions of chapter

Except as provided by this article, supervisory employees shall not have the rights, or be covered by, any provision or definition established by this chapter.

3580.3. Supervisory employee defined

"Supervisory employee" means any individual, regardless of the job description or title, having authority, in the interest of the employer to hire, transfer, suspend, lay off, recall, promote, discharge, assign, reward, or discipline other employees, or responsibility to direct them, or to adjust their grievances, or effectively to recommend such action, if, in connection with the foregoing, the exercise of such authority is not of a merely routine or clerical nature, but requires the use of independent judgment. With respect to faculty or academic employees, any department chair, head of a similar academic unit or program, or other employee who performs the foregoing duties primarily in the interest of and on behalf of the members of the academic department, unit or program, shall not be deemed a supervisory employee solely because of such duties; provided, that with respect to the University of California and Hastings College of the Law, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that such an individual appointed by the employer to an indefinite term shall be deemed to be a supervisor. Employees whose duties are substantially similar to those of their subordinates shall not be considered to be supervisory employees.

3580.5. Nonparticipation in handling of grievances, meet and confer sessions and votes on memoranda of understanding involving nonsupervisory employees

(a) Supervisory employees shall not participate in the handling of grievances on behalf of nonsupervisory employees. Nonsupervisory employees shall not participate in the handling of grievances on behalf of supervisory employees.

(b) Supervisory employees shall not participate in meet and confer sessions on behalf of nonsupervisory employees. Nonsupervisory employees shall not participate in meet and confer sessions on behalf of supervisory employees.

(c) The prohibition in subdivisions (a) and (b) shall not be construed to apply to the paid staff of an employee organization.

(d) Supervisory employees shall not vote on questions of ratification or rejection of memoranda of understanding reached on behalf of nonsupervisory employees.

3581.1. Right to form, join and participate in employee organizations; right to refuse

Supervisory employees shall have the right to form, join, and participate in the activities of employee organizations of their own choosing for the purpose of representation on all matters of supervisory employee-employer relations as set forth in Section 3581.3. Supervisory employees also shall have the right to refuse to join or participate in the activities of employee organizations and shall have the right to represent themselves individually in their employment relations with the employer.

3581.2. Right of employee organization to represent members in employment relations and to make rules on membership

Employee organizations shall have the right to represent their supervisory employee members in their employment relations, including grievances, with the employer. Employee organizations may establish reasonable restrictions regarding who may join and may make reasonable provisions for the dismissal of employees from membership. Nothing in this section shall prohibit any employee from appearing on his or her own behalf or through his or her chosen representative in his or her employment relations and grievances with the higher education employer.

3581.3. Scope of representation

The scope of representation for supervisory employees shall include all matters relating to employment conditions and supervisory employee-employer relations including wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment.

3581.4. Meeting and conferring by employer with representatives of employee organizations

The higher education employer shall meet and confer with representatives of employee organizations upon request. Meet and confer means that they shall consider as fully as the employer deems reasonable such presentations as are made by the employee organization on behalf of its supervisory members prior to arriving at a determination of policy or course of action.

3581.5. Time off without loss of compensation for representatives

The higher education employer shall allow a reasonable number of supervisory public employee representatives of verified employee organizations reasonable time off without loss of compensation or other benefits when meeting and conferring with representatives of the higher education employer on matters within the scope of representation.

3581.6. Prohibition of interference with, intimidation, restraint, coercion, or discrimination against employees by employers or employee organizations

The higher education employer and employee organizations shall not interfere with, intimidate, restrain, coerce, or discriminate against supervisory employees because of their exercise of their rights under this article.

3581.7. Rules and regulations for administration of supervisory employer-employee relations

Subject to review by the board, the higher education employer may adopt reasonable rules and regulations for the administration of supervisory employee-employer relations under this article. Such rules and regulations may include provisions for:

- (a) Verifying that an employee organization does in fact represent supervisory employees of the employer.
- (b) Verifying the official status of employee organization officers and representatives.
- (c) Access of employee organization officers and representatives to work locations.
- (d) Use of official bulletin boards and other means of communication by employee organizations.
- (e) Furnishing nonconfidential information pertaining to supervisory employee relations to employee organizations.
- (f) Such other matters as are necessary to carry out the purposes of this article.

ARTICLE 7

ORGANIZATIONAL SECURITY

3582. Inclusion in scope of representation

Subject to the limitations set forth in this section, organizational security shall be within the scope of representation.

3583. Permissible forms; arrangement for decision of employee whether or not to join and deductions from compensation for dues

Permissible forms of organizational security shall be limited to either of the following:

(a) An arrangement pursuant to which an employee may decide whether or not to join the recognized or certified employee organization, but which requires the employer to deduct from the wages or salary of any employee who does join, and pay to the employee organization which is the exclusive representative of that employee, the standard initiation fee, periodic dues, and general assessments of the organization for the duration of the written memorandum of understanding. This arrangement shall not deprive the employee of the right to resign from the employee organization within a period of 30 days prior to the expiration of a written memorandum of understanding.

(b) The arrangement described in Section 3583.5.

3583.5. Conditions of continued employment for California State University or University of California employees; payment of fair share fee

(a)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any employee of the California State University or the University of California, other than a faculty member of the University of California who is eligible for membership in the Academic Senate, who is in a unit for which an exclusive representative has been selected pursuant to this chapter, shall be required, as a condition of continued employment, either to join the recognized employee organization or to pay the organization a fair share service fee. The amount of the fee shall not exceed the dues that are payable by members of the employee organization, and shall cover the cost of negotiation, contract administration, and other activities of the employee organization that are germane to its functions as the exclusive bargaining representative. Upon notification to the employer by the exclusive representative, the amount of the fee shall be deducted by the employer from the wages or salary of the employee and paid to the employee organization.

(2) The costs covered by the fee under this section may include, but shall not necessarily be limited to, the cost of lobbying activities designed to foster collective bargaining negotiations and contract administration, or to secure for the represented employees advantages in wages, hours, and other conditions of employment in addition to those secured through meeting and conferring with the higher education employer.

(b) The organizational security arrangement described in subdivision (a) shall remain in effect unless it is rescinded pursuant to subdivision (c). The higher education employer shall remain neutral, and shall not participate in any election conducted under this section unless required to do so by the board.

(c)(1) The organizational security arrangement described in subdivision (a) may be rescinded by a majority vote of all the employees in the negotiating unit subject to that arrangement, if a request for a vote is supported by a petition containing the signatures of at least 30 percent of the employees in the negotiating unit, and the signatures are obtained in one academic year. There shall not be more than one vote taken during the term of any memorandum of understanding in effect on or after January 1, 2000.

(2) If the organizational security arrangement described in subdivision (a) is rescinded pursuant to paragraph (1), a majority of all the employees in the negotiating unit may request that the arrangement be reinstated. That request shall be submitted to the board along with a petition containing the signatures of at least 30 percent of the employees in the negotiating unit. The vote shall be conducted at the worksite by secret ballot, and shall be conducted no sooner than one year after the rescission of the organizational security arrangement under this subdivision.

(3) If the board determines that the appropriate number of signatures have been collected, it shall conduct the vote to rescind or reinstate in a manner that it shall prescribe in accordance with this subdivision.

(4) The cost of conducting an election under this subdivision to reinstate the organizational security arrangement shall be borne by the petitioning party and the cost of conducting an election to rescind the arrangement shall be borne by the board.

3584. Exception to payment of fair share fee; conscientious objectors

(a) Notwithstanding Section 3583.5, an employee of the California State University or the University of California, other than faculty of the University of California who are eligible for membership in the Academic Senate, who is a member of a bona fide religion, body, or sect that has historically held conscientious objections to joining or financially supporting public employee organizations, shall not be required to join or financially support any public employee organization as a condition of employment. An employee to which this subdivision is applicable may be required, in lieu of periodic dues, initiation fees, or agency shop fees, to pay sums equal to the amount of the fair share service fee determined pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 3583.5 to a nonreligious, nonlabor charitable fund exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, chosen by the employee from a list of at least three of these funds designated by the employer and the exclusive representative or, if the employer and exclusive representative fail to designate funds, chosen by the employee. Proof of these payments shall be made on a monthly basis to the employer as a condition of continued exemption from the requirement of financial support of the exclusive representative.

(b) Every recognized or certified employee organization that has an agency shop provision under this section shall keep an

adequate itemized record of its financial transactions, and shall make available annually, to the employer and to the employees who are members of the organization, within 60 days after the end of its fiscal year, a detailed written financial report thereof in the form of a balance sheet and an operating statement, certified as to accuracy by the president and treasurer or comparable officers. An employee organization covering employees governed under this chapter and required to file financial reports under the federal Labor-Management Disclosure Act of 1959 (29 U.S.C. Sec. 401 et seq.) , or required to file financial reports under Section 3546.5, may satisfy the financial reporting requirements of this section by providing the employer with a copy of those financial reports.

3585. Absence of arrangement; written authorization of employee; deductions and remissions to employee organization

In the absence of an arrangement pursuant to Section 3583 or 3583.5, an employer shall, upon written authorization by the employee involved, deduct and remit to the exclusive representative or, in the absence of an exclusive representative, to the employee organization of the employee's choice, the standard initiation fee, periodic dues, and general assessments of that organization, until the time an exclusive representative has been selected for the employee's unit. Thereafter, deductions shall be made only for the exclusive representative.

3586. Trustees of California state university; continuation of payroll assignments

The Trustees of the California State University shall continue all payroll assignments authorized by an employee prior to and until recognition or certification of an exclusive representative until notification is submitted by an employee to discontinue the employee's assignments.

3587. Itemized record of financial transactions; maintenance; annual financial report; order of compliance

Every recognized or certified employee organization shall keep an adequate itemized record of its financial transactions and shall make available annually, to the board and to the employees who are members of the organization, within 60 days after the end of its fiscal year, a detailed written financial report thereof in the form of a balance sheet and an operating statement, certified as to accuracy by the president and treasurer or comparable officers. In the event of failure of compliance with this section, any employee within the organization may petition the board for an order compelling such compliance, or the board may issue such compliance order on its motion.

ARTICLE 8

RIGHTS, DISPUTES, ARBITRATION

3589. Agreement to procedures in written memorandum of understanding; proceedings for court order to direct arbitration; award; enforcement

(a) An employer and an exclusive representative who enter into a written memorandum of understanding may agree to procedures for final and binding arbitration of disputes that may arise under the memorandum of understanding or between the parties.

(b) Where a party to a memorandum of understanding is aggrieved by the failure, neglect, or refusal of the other party to proceed to arbitration pursuant to the procedures provided therefor in the memorandum, the aggrieved party may bring proceedings pursuant to Title 9 (commencing with Section 1280) of Part 3 of the Code of Civil Procedure for a court order directing that the arbitration proceed pursuant to the procedures provided therefor in such memorandum of understanding.

(c) An arbitration award made pursuant to this section shall be final and binding upon the parties and may be enforced by a court pursuant to Title 9 (commencing with Section 1280) of Part 3 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

(d) The board shall submit a list of names of arbitrators to employers and employee organizations upon their mutual request. Nothing in this subdivision shall preclude the parties from mutually agreeing to some other means of selecting an arbitrator. The board shall also, if mutually requested to do so, designate an arbitrator to hear and decide the rights dispute.

ARTICLE 9

IMPASSE PROCEDURES

3590. Declaration; mediation procedure

Either an employer or the exclusive representative may declare that an impasse has been reached between the parties in negotiations over matters within the scope of representation and may request the board to appoint a mediator for the purpose of assisting them in reconciling their differences and resolving the controversy on terms which are mutually acceptable. If the board determines that an impasse exists, it shall, in no event later than five working days after the receipt of a request, appoint a mediator in accordance with such rules as it shall prescribe. The mediator shall meet forthwith with the parties or their representatives, either jointly or separately, and shall take such other steps as he may deem appropriate in order to persuade the parties to resolve their differences and effect a mutually acceptable memorandum of understanding. The services of the mediator, including any per diem fees, and actual and necessary travel and subsistence expenses, shall be provided by the board without cost to the parties. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the parties from mutually agreeing upon their own mediation procedure and in the event of such agreement, the board shall not appoint its own mediator, unless failure to do so would be inconsistent with the policies of this chapter. If the parties agree upon their own mediation procedure, the cost of the services of any appointed mediator, unless appointed by the board, including any per diem fees, and actual and necessary travel and subsistence expenses, shall be borne equally by the parties.

3591. Inability of mediator to effect settlement; factfinding panel; request for submission; selection; chairman

If the mediator is unable to effect settlement of the controversy within 15 days after his appointment and the mediator declares that factfinding is appropriate to the resolution of the impasse, either party may, by written notification to the other, request that their differences be submitted to a factfinding panel. Within five days after receipt of the written request, each party shall select a person to serve as its member of the factfinding panel. The board shall, within five days after such selection, select a chairman of the factfinding panel. The chairman designated by the board shall not, without the consent of both parties, be the same person who served as mediator pursuant to Section 3590.

3592. Factfinding panel; hearings, investigations and inquiries; powers

The panel shall, within 10 days after its appointment, meet with the parties or their representatives and consider their respective positions. The panel may make additional inquiries and investigations, hold hearings, and take other steps which it may deem appropriate. For the purpose of the hearings, investigations, and inquiries, the panel may issue subpoenas requiring the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of evidence. The Regents of the University of California, the Directors of Hastings College of the Law, and the Trustees of the California State University shall furnish the panel, upon its request, with all records, papers, and information in their possession relating to any matter under investigation by or in issue before the panel, except for those records, books, and information which are confidential by statute.

3593. Findings of fact and advisory recommended terms of settlement; submission to parties and to public; payment of costs

(a) If the dispute is not settled within 30 days after the appointment of the panel, or, upon agreement by both parties, within a longer period, the panel shall make findings of fact and recommend terms of settlement, which recommendations shall be advisory only. Any findings of fact and recommended terms of settlement shall be submitted in writing to the parties privately before they are made public. The panel, subject to the rules and regulations of the board, may make those findings and recommendations public 10 days thereafter. During this 10-day period, the parties are prohibited from making the panel's findings and recommendations public.

(b) The costs for the services of the panel chairperson, including per diem fees, if any, and actual and necessary travel and subsistence expenses, shall be borne by the board. Any other mutually incurred costs shall be borne equally by the employer and the exclusive representative. Each party shall bear the costs it incurs for the panel member it selects.

(c) (1) This subdivision applies only to disputes relating to the faculty and librarians of the University of California and the Hastings College of the Law. For the purposes of this subdivision, "faculty" means teachers employed to teach courses and authorize the granting of credit for the successful completion of courses, and excludes employees whose employment is contingent on their status as students.

(2) Irrespective of whether the panel makes its findings and recommendations public pursuant to subdivision (a), the Regents of the University of California and the Directors of the Hastings College of the Law, as appropriate, shall make the findings and recommendations of the panel public after the 10-day period prescribed by subdivision (a) has ended. These findings and recommendations shall be posted in a prominent public place, and copies of the findings and recommendations shall be made available to any person attending the next regularly scheduled public meeting of the regents or the directors, as appropriate. The publicly distributed agenda of the next regularly scheduled meeting of the regents or the directors, as appropriate, shall reference the availability of these findings and recommendations.

(3) It is the intent of the Legislature that the regents or the directors, as appropriate, shall act upon the findings and recommendations of the panel at an open and public meeting within 90 days of their submission to the parties by the panel.

3594. Mediator; continuation of efforts on basis of findings of fact and recommended terms of settlement

Nothing in this article shall be construed to prohibit the mediator appointed pursuant to Section 3590, with the permission of the

parties, from continuing mediation efforts on the basis of the findings of fact and recommended terms of settlement made pursuant to Section 3594.

ARTICLE 10 PUBLIC NOTICE

3595. Initial proposals of exclusive representatives and employers; presentation; public record; meeting and conferring; commencement; regulations

(a) All initial proposals of exclusive representatives and of higher education employers, which relate to matters within the scope of representation, shall be presented at a public meeting of the higher education employer and thereafter shall be public records.

(b) Meeting and conferring shall not commence on an initial proposal until a reasonable time has elapsed after the submission of the proposal to enable the public to become informed and the public has the opportunity to express itself regarding the proposal at a meeting of the higher education employer.

(c) After the public has had the opportunity to express itself, the higher education employer shall, at a meeting which is open to the public, adopt a proposal, including any changes to its initial proposal which the higher education employer deems appropriate based on the public's comments.

(d) New subjects of meeting and conferring arising after the presentation of initial proposals shall be made public within 24 hours. If a vote is taken on such subject by the higher education employer, the vote thereon by each member voting shall also be made public within 24 hours.

(e) The board may adopt regulations for the purpose of implementing this section, which are consistent with the intent of the section; namely that the public be informed of the issues that are being met and conferred upon and have full opportunity to express their views on the issues to the higher education employer, and to know of the positions of the higher education employer.

ARTICLE 11 MISCELLANEOUS

3596. Open meeting laws; exemptions

All the proceedings set forth in this section shall be exempt from the provisions of Article 9 (commencing with Section 11120) of Chapter 1 of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2, and Section 92030 of the Education Code, unless the parties mutually agree otherwise:

(a) Any meeting and conferring discussion between a higher education employer and a recognized or certified employee organization.

(b) Any meeting of a mediator with either party or both parties to the meeting and conferring process.

(c) Any hearing, meeting, or investigation conducted by a factfinder or arbitrator.

(d) Any executive session of the higher education employer or between the higher education employer and its designated representatives for the purpose of discussing its position respecting meeting and conferring or regarding any matter within the scope of representation or instructing its designated representatives.

3597. Student representatives; meeting and conferring on employees in student service or academic personnel

(a) Subject to provisions of subdivision (d), in all meeting and conferring between higher education employers and employee organizations representing student service or academic personnel, a student representative shall have the right to be notified in writing by the employer and the employee organizations of the issues under discussion. A student representative shall have the right to be present and comment at reasonable times during meeting and conferring between the employer and such employee organizations.

(b) The student representative shall be provided access to all documents exchanged between the parties pertaining to the

meeting and conferring and shall have the right to have an aide present during all meetings; in the case of mediation of impasses, the student representative shall have an opportunity at reasonable times to comment to the mediator on impasse issues; and shall be free from coercion or reprisals in the exercise of his or her rights as set forth in this section.

(c) The student representative shall respect and maintain the rules governing confidentiality as they pertain to all parties involved in the meeting and conferring. Violations of this provision shall result in the termination of student involvement for the remainder of such meeting and conferring, and such other remedy, if any, deemed appropriate by the board.

(d) For purposes of this section, a student representative shall be designated by the official student body association, if any, of the higher education employer, or segment thereof, engaged in meeting and conferring. If no student body association exists, the students may elect and designate a representative for the purposes of this section.

3598. Memorandum of understanding; compliance with laws prohibiting discrimination in employment

No memorandum of understanding shall contravene any federal or state law, including rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to such laws, prohibiting discrimination in employment.

3599. Severability

If any provision of this chapter or the application of such provision to any person or circumstance shall be held invalid, the remainder of this chapter, or the application of such provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid, shall not be affected thereby.

99560. Legislative findings and declarations

The Legislature hereby finds and declares that:

(a) The people of this state have a fundamental interest in the development of harmonious and cooperative labor relations between public transit districts and their employees.

(b) Public transit districts are not subject to a common statewide statutory scheme or an administrative agency that has jurisdiction over the conduct of employer-employee relations.

(c) Other public sector employees in the state have been granted the opportunity for collective bargaining through the adoption of the Meyers-Milias Brown Act (Chapter 10 (commencing with Section 3500) of Division 4 of Title 1 of the Government Code), the Ralph C. Dills Act (Chapter 10.3 (commencing with Section 3512) of Division 4 of Title 1 of the Government Code), the Educational Employment Relations Act (Chapter 10.7 (commencing with Section 3540) of Division 4 of Title 1 of the Government Code), and the Higher Education Employer-Employee Relations Act (Chapter 12 (commencing with Section 3560) of Division 4 of Title 1 of the Government Code), and it would be advantageous and desirable to expand the jurisdiction of the Public Employment Relations Board to cover the employees of public transit districts.

(d) The people and the public transit district employers each have a fundamental interest in the preservation and promotion of the responsibilities granted by the people of this state. Harmonious relations between each public transit district employer and its employees are necessary to that endeavor.

(e) It is the purpose of this chapter to provide the means by which relations between the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and their supervisory employees may assure that the responsibilities and authorities granted to each transit district by statute are carried out in an atmosphere that permits the fullest participation by employees in the determination of conditions of employment which affect them. It is the intent of this chapter to accomplish this purpose by providing a uniform basis for recognizing the right of the employees of these transit districts to full freedom of association, self-organization, and designation of representatives of their own choosing for the purpose of representation in their employment relationships with their employers and to select one employee organization as their exclusive representative for the purpose of meeting and conferring.

(f) It is the further purpose of this chapter to provide orderly and clearly defined procedures for meeting and conferring and the resolution of impasses, and to define and prohibit certain practices that are inimical to the public interest.

99560.1. Definitions

As used in this chapter, the following words have the following meanings:

(a) "Arbitration" means a method of resolving a rights dispute under which the parties to a controversy must accept the award of a third party.

(b) "Board" means the Public Employment Relations Board established pursuant to Section 3541 of the Education Code.

(c) "Certified organization" means an employee organization that has been certified by the board as the exclusive representative of the public transit district employees in an appropriate unit after a proceeding under Article 5 (commencing with Section 99564).

- (d) "Confidential employee" means any employee who is required to develop or present management positions with respect to meeting and conferring or whose duties normally require access to confidential information that contributes significantly to the development of those management positions.
- (e) "Employee" or "transit district employee" means any supervisory employee of any public transit district employer except for confidential employees.
- (f) (1) "Employee organization" means any organization of any kind in which public transit district employees participate and that exists for the purpose, in whole or in part, of dealing with public transit district employers concerning grievances, labor disputes, wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment of employees.
- (2) "Employee organization" shall also include any person that an employee organization authorizes to act on its behalf.
- (g) (1) "Employer" or "transit district employer" means the governing board of a public transit district, including any person acting as an agent of an employer.
- (2) "Employer" or "transit district employer" shall also include the Public Transportation Services Corporation established by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, including any person acting as an agent of the employer.
- (3) "Employer" or "transit district employer" shall also include any organizational unit established pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 130051.11, including any person acting as an agent of the employer.
- (4) "Employer" or "transit district employer" shall also include any transportation zone established pursuant to paragraph (8) of subdivision (a) of Section 130051.12, including any person acting as an agent of the employer.
- (h) "Employer representative" means any person or persons authorized to act on behalf of the employer.
- (i) "Exclusive representative" means any recognized or certified employee organization or person it authorizes to act on its behalf.
- (j) "Impasse" means that the parties have reached a point in meeting and conferring at which their differences in positions are such that further meetings would be futile.
- (k) "Managerial employee" means any employee having significant responsibilities for formulating or administering policies and programs of the public transit district.
- (l) "Meet and confer" means the performance of the mutual obligation of the public transit district employer and the exclusive representative of the public transit district employees to meet at reasonable times and to confer in good faith with respect to matters within the scope of representation and to endeavor to reach agreement on matters within the scope of representation. The process shall include adequate time for the resolution of impasses. If agreement is reached between representatives of the public transit district employer and the exclusive representative, they shall jointly prepare a written memorandum of the understanding, which shall be presented to the transit district employer for concurrence. However, these obligations shall not compel either party to agree to any proposal or require the making of a concession.
- (m) "Person" means one or more individuals, organizations, associations, corporations, boards, committees, commissions, agencies, or their representatives.
- (n) "Recognized organization" means an employee organization that has been recognized by an employer as the exclusive representative of the employees in an appropriate unit pursuant to Article 5 (commencing with Section 99564).
- (o) "Supervisory employee" means any employee of a public transit district, regardless of job description, having authority in the interest of the employer to hire, transfer, suspend, lay off, recall, promote, discharge, assign, reward, or discipline other employees, or the responsibility to assign work to and direct them, or to adjust their grievances, or effectively recommend such action if, in connection with these functions, the exercise of that authority is not of a merely routine or clerical nature, but requires the use of independent judgment.

99560.2. Short title

This chapter shall be known and may be referred to as the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Transit Employer-Employee Relations Act.

99560.3. Application of chapter

This chapter shall only apply to supervisory employees of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

ARTICLE 2
ADMINISTRATION

99561. Public Employment Relations Board; powers and duties

This chapter shall be administered by the Public Employment Relations Board. In administering this chapter the board shall have all of the following rights, powers, duties, and responsibilities:

- (a) To determine in disputed cases, or otherwise approve, appropriate units.
- (b) To determine in disputed cases whether a particular item is within or without the scope of representation.
- (c) To arrange for and supervise representation elections that shall be conducted by means of secret ballot elections, and to certify the results of the elections.
- (d) To establish lists of persons broadly representative of the public and qualified by experience to be available to serve as mediators, arbitrators, or factfinders. In no case shall the lists include persons who are on the staff of the board.
- (e) To establish by regulation appropriate procedures for review of proposals to change unit determinations.
- (f) To adopt, pursuant to Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, rules and regulations to carry out the provisions and effectuate the purposes and policies of this chapter.
- (g) To hold hearings, subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, take the testimony or deposition of any person, and, in connection therewith, to issue subpoenas duces tecum to require the production and examination of any employer's or employee organization's records, books, or papers relating to any matter within its jurisdiction, except for those records, books, or papers confidential under statute. Notwithstanding Section 11425.10 of the Government Code, Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 11400) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code does not apply to a hearing by the board under this section, except a hearing to determine an unfair practice charge.
- (h) To investigate unfair practice charges or alleged violations of this chapter, and to take any action and make any determinations in respect of these charges or alleged violations as the board deems necessary to effectuate the policies of this chapter.
- (i) To bring an action in a court of competent jurisdiction to enforce any of its orders, decisions, or rulings or to enforce the refusal to obey a subpoena. Upon issuance of a complaint charging that any person has engaged in or is engaging in an unfair practice, the board may petition the court for appropriate temporary relief or restraining order.
- (j) To delegate its powers to any member of the board or to any person appointed by the board for the performance of its functions, except that no fewer than two board members may participate in the determination of any ruling or decision on the merits of any dispute coming before it, and except that a decision to refuse to issue a complaint shall require the approval of two board members.
- (k) To decide contested matters involving recognition, certification, or decertification of employee organizations.
- (l) To consider and decide issues relating to rights, privileges, and duties of an employee organization in the event of a merger, amalgamation, or transfer of jurisdiction between two or more employee organizations.
- (m) To take any other action as the board deems necessary to discharge its powers and duties and otherwise to effectuate the purposes of this chapter.

99561.1. Interference with board; penalties

Any person who shall willfully resist, prevent, impede, or interfere with any member of the board, or any of its agents, in the performance of duties pursuant to this chapter, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

99561.2. Initial determination on charges

The initial determination as to whether the charges of unfair practices are justified, and, if so, what remedy is necessary to effectuate the purposes of this chapter, shall be a matter within the exclusive jurisdiction of the board. Procedures for investigating, hearing, and deciding these cases shall be devised and promulgated by the board.

- (a) Any employee, employee organization, or employer shall have the right to file an unfair practice charge, except that the board shall not issue a complaint in respect of any charge based upon an alleged unfair practice occurring more than six months prior to the filing of the charge.
- (b) The board shall not have authority to enforce agreements between the parties, and shall not issue a complaint on any charge based on alleged violation of such an agreement that would not also constitute an unfair practice under this chapter.

99561.3. Cease and desist orders

The board shall have the power to issue a decision and order directing an offending party to cease and desist from the unfair practice and to take affirmative action, that includes, but is not limited to, the reinstatement of employees with or without backpay, that will effectuate the policies of this chapter.

ARTICLE 3 JUDICIAL REVIEW

99562. Right to review; petition; enforcement of decisions and orders

(a) No employer or employee organization shall have the right to judicial review of a unit determination except: (1) when the board in response to a petition from an employer or employee organization agrees that the case is one of special importance and joins in the request for such review; or (2) when the issue is raised as a defense to an unfair practice complaint. A board order directing an election shall not be stayed pending judicial review. Upon receipt of a board order joining in the request for judicial review, a party to the case may petition for a writ of extraordinary relief from the unit determination decision or order.

(b) Any charging party, respondent, or intervenor aggrieved by a final decision or order of the board in an unfair practice case, except a decision of the board not to issue a complaint in the case, may petition for a writ of extraordinary relief from the decision or order.

(c) The petition shall be filed in the district court of appeal in the appellate district where the unit determination or unfair practice dispute occurred. The petition shall be filed within 30 days after issuance of the board's final order, order denying reconsideration, or order joining in the request for judicial review, as applicable. Upon the filing of the petition, the court shall cause notice to be served upon the board and thereafter shall have jurisdiction of the proceeding. The board shall file in the court the record of the proceeding, certified by the board, within 10 days after the clerk's notice unless the filing period is extended by the court for good cause shown. The court shall have jurisdiction to grant to the board any temporary relief or restraining order it deems just and proper and in like manner to make and enter a decree enforcing, modifying, or setting aside the order of the board. The findings of the board with respect to questions of fact, including ultimate facts, if supported by substantial evidence on the record considered as a whole, are conclusive. The provisions of Title 1 (commencing with Section 1067) of Part 3 of the Code of Civil Procedure relating to writs shall, except where specifically superseded by this article, apply to proceedings pursuant to this section.

(d) If the time to petition for extraordinary relief from a board decision has expired, the board may seek enforcement of any final decision or order in a district court of appeal or a superior court in the district where the unit determination or unfair practice case occurred. If, after hearing, the court determines that the order was issued pursuant to procedures established by the board and that the person or entity refuses to comply with the order, the court shall enforce the order by writ of mandamus. The court shall not review the merits of the order.

ARTICLE 4 RIGHTS, OBLIGATIONS, PROHIBITIONS, AND UNFAIR LABOR PRACTICES

99563. Participation in employee organizations

Transit district employees shall have the right to form, join, and participate in the activities of employee organizations of their own choosing for the purpose of representation on all matters of employer-employee relations and for the purpose of meeting and conferring and shall have the right to engage in other concerted activities for the purpose of collective bargaining or other mutual aid or protection. Transit district employees shall also have the right to refuse to join employee organizations or to participate in the activities of these organizations subject to the organizational security provision permissible under this chapter.

99563.1. Deductions from wages and salaries

Notwithstanding the provisions of the Government Code or other laws or statutes, the transit district employer shall make deductions from wages and salaries of its employees upon receipt of authorization for the payment of union dues, fees, or assessments, for the payment of contributions pursuant to any health and welfare plan or pension plan or any other purpose for which deductions may be authorized by employees where the deductions are pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement with a duly designated or certified labor organization.

99563.2. Access by employee organizations

Subject to reasonable regulations, employee organizations shall have the right of access at reasonable times to areas in which employees work, the right to use transit district bulletin boards, mailboxes and other means of communication, and the right to use transit district facilities at reasonable times for the purpose of meetings concerned with the exercise of the rights guaranteed by this chapter.

99563.3. Released or reassigned time from work

A reasonable number of representatives of an exclusive representative shall have the right to receive reasonable periods of

released or reassigned time without loss of compensation when engaged in meeting and conferring and for the processing of grievances prior to the adoption of the initial memorandum of understanding. When a memorandum of understanding is in effect, released or reassigned time shall be in accordance with the memorandum.

99563.4. Meet and confer requirement

Transit district employers, or the representatives as they may designate, shall engage in meeting and conferring with the employee organization selected as exclusive representative of an appropriate unit on all matters within the scope of representation.

99563.5. Scope of representation

(a) The scope of representation shall include all matters relating to employment conditions and employer-employee relations, including, but not limited to, wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment.

(b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), the scope of representation shall not include consideration of the merits, necessity, or organization of any service or activity provided by law or executive order.

99563.6. Time for negotiations

The duty to meet and confer in good faith requires the parties to begin negotiations prior to the adoption of the final budget for the ensuing year sufficiently in advance of the adoption date so there is adequate time for agreement to be reached, or for the resolution of impasse.

99563.7. Employers; unlawful practices

It shall be unlawful for the transit district employer to do any of the following:

(a) Impose or threaten to impose reprisals on employees, to discriminate or threaten to discriminate against employees, or otherwise to interfere with, restrain, or coerce employees because of their exercise of rights guaranteed by this chapter. For purposes of this subdivision, "employee" includes an applicant for employment or reemployment.

(b) Deny to employee organizations rights guaranteed to them by this chapter.

(c) Refuse or fail to meet and confer with an exclusive representative.

(d) Dominate or interfere with the formation or administration of any employee organization, or contribute financial or other support to it, or in any way encourage employees to join any organization in preference to another. However, subject to rules and regulations adopted by the board pursuant to Section 99561, an employer shall not be prohibited from permitting employees to engage in meeting and conferring or consulting during working hours without loss of pay or benefits.

(e) Refuse to participate in good faith in the impasse procedure set forth in Article 9 (commencing with Section 99568).

99563.8. Employee organizations; unlawful practices

It shall be unlawful for an employee organization to:

(a) Cause or attempt to cause the transit district employer to violate Section 99563.7.

(b) Impose or threaten to impose reprisals on employees, to discriminate or threaten to discriminate against employees, or otherwise to interfere with, restrain, or coerce employees because of their exercise of rights guaranteed by this chapter.

(c) Refuse or fail to meet and confer with the transit district employer.

(d) Refuse to participate in good faith in the impasse procedure set forth in Article 9 (commencing with Section 99568).

ARTICLE 5

EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS: REPRESENTATION, RECOGNITION, CERTIFICATION, AND DECERTIFICATION

99564. Request for recognition as exclusive representative

An employee organization may become the exclusive representative for the employees of an appropriate unit for purposes of meeting and conferring by filing a request with a transit district employer alleging that a majority of the employees in an appropriate unit wish to be represented by the organization and asking the employer to recognize it as the exclusive representative. The request shall describe the grouping of jobs or positions that constitute the unit claimed to be appropriate and shall certify that proof of majority support has been submitted to either the board or to a mutually agreed upon third party. Notice of any such request shall immediately be posted conspicuously on all employee bulletin boards in each facility of the employer in which members of the unit claimed to be appropriate are employed.

99564.1. Approval of request for recognition

The transit district employer shall grant a request for recognition filed pursuant to Section 99564 except in one of the following circumstances:

- (a) The employer reasonably doubts that the employee organization has majority support or reasonably doubts the appropriateness of the requested unit. In that case the employer shall notify the board which shall conduct a representation election pursuant to Section 99564.4 unless subdivision (c) or (d) applies.
- (b) Another employee organization either files with the employer a challenge to the appropriateness of the unit or submits a competing claim of representation within 15 workdays of the posting of notice of the written request. If the claim is evidenced by the support that at least 30 percent of the members of the proposed unit, a question of representation shall be deemed to exist and the board shall conduct a representation election pursuant to Section 99564.4, or if the claim is evidenced by the support of at least 10 percent of the members of the proposed unit, the board shall conduct inquiries and investigations or hold hearings that it deems necessary in order to decide the questions raised by the claim and may conduct a representation election pursuant to Section 99564.4. Evidence of that support shall be submitted to either the board or to a mutually agreed upon third party.
- (c) There is currently in effect a lawful written memorandum of understanding between the employer and another employee organization recognized or certified as the exclusive representative of any employees included in the unit described in the request for recognition, unless the request for recognition is filed not more than 120 days and not less than 90 days prior to the expiration date of such memorandum of understanding. However, if a memorandum of understanding has been in effect for three years or more, there shall be no restriction as to the time of filing the request.
- (d) Within the previous 12 months either another employee organization has been lawfully recognized or certified as the exclusive representative of any employees included in the unit described in the request for recognition, or a majority of the votes cast in a representation election held pursuant to Section 99564.4 were cast for "no representation."

99564.2. Petition; selection of exclusive representative

A petition may be filed with the board, in accordance with its rules and regulations, requesting it to investigate and decide the question of whether employees have selected or wish to select an exclusive representative or to determine the appropriateness of a unit, by one of the following:

- (a) An employee organization alleging that it has filed a request for recognition as an exclusive representative with an employer and that the request has been denied or has not been acted upon within 30 days after the filing of the request.
- (b) An employee organization alleging that it has filed a competing claim of representation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 99564.1.
- (c) An employee organization wishing to be certified by the board as the exclusive representative. The petition for certification as the exclusive representative in an appropriate unit shall include proof of a 30-percent showing of interest designating the organization as the exclusive representative of the employees.

99564.3. Petition; decertification of exclusive representative

A petition may be filed with the board, in accordance with its rules and regulations, requesting it to investigate and decide the question of whether the employees wish to decertify an exclusive representative or to reconsider the appropriateness of a unit. The petition may allege that the employees in an appropriate unit no longer desire a particular employee organization as their exclusive representative. The petition shall include proof of a 30-percent showing of interest indicating support for another organization or lack of support for the incumbent exclusive representative.

99564.4. Elections

- (a) Upon receipt of a petition filed pursuant to Section 99564.2, the board shall conduct inquiries and investigations or hold hearings as it deems necessary in order to decide the questions raised by the petition. The determination of the board may be based upon the evidence adduced in the inquiries, investigations, or hearings. If the board finds on the basis of the evidence that a question of representation exists, or a question of representation is deemed to exist pursuant to subdivision (a) or (b) of Section 99564.1, it shall order that an election shall be conducted by secret ballot placing on the ballot all employee organizations evidencing support of at least 10 percent of the members of an appropriate unit, and it shall certify the results of the election on the basis of which ballot choice received a majority of the valid votes cast. There shall be printed on the initial ballot the choice of "no representation." If, at any election, no choice on the ballot receives a majority of the votes cast, a runoff election shall be conducted. The ballot for the runoff election shall provide for a selection between the two choices receiving the largest and second largest number of valid votes cast in the election.
- (b) No election shall be held and the petition shall be dismissed whenever either of the following exists:

(1) There is currently in effect a memorandum of understanding between the employer and another employee organization recognized or certified as the exclusive representative of any employees included in the unit described in the petition, unless the petition is filed not more than 120 days and not less than 90 days prior to the expiration date of the memorandum. However, if the memorandum has been in effect for three years or more, there shall be no restriction as to time of filing the petition.

(2) Within the previous 12 months either an employee organization other than the petitioner has been lawfully recognized or certified as the exclusive representative of any employees included in the unit described in the petition, or a majority of the votes cast in a representation election held pursuant to subdivision (a) were cast for "no representation."

99564.5. Employee organizations' duty of fair and impartial representation

The employee organization recognized or certified as the exclusive representative shall represent all employees in the unit, fairly and impartially. A breach of this duty shall be deemed to have occurred if the employee organization's conduct in representation is arbitrary, discriminatory, or in bad faith.

ARTICLE 6

UNIT DETERMINATION

99565. Criteria for appropriate units; exception

(a) In each case where the appropriateness of a unit is an issue, in determining an appropriate unit, the board shall take into consideration all of the following criteria:

(1) The internal and occupational community of interest among the employees, including, but not limited to, the extent to which they perform functionally related services or work toward established common goals, the history of employee representation with the employer, the extent to which the employees belong to the same employee organization, the extent to which the employees have common skills, working conditions, job duties, or similar educational or training requirements, and the extent to which the employees have common supervision.

(2) The effect that the projected unit will have on the meet and confer relationships, emphasizing the availability and authority of employer representatives to deal effectively with employee organizations representing the unit, and taking into account factors such as work location, the numerical size of the unit, the relationship of the unit to organizational patterns of the transit district employer, and the effect on the existing classification structure or existing classification schematic of dividing a single class or single classification schematic among two or more units.

(3) The effect of the proposed unit on efficient operations of the employer and the compatibility of the unit with the responsibility of the transit district employer and its employees to serve the public.

(4) The number of employees and classifications in a proposed unit, and its effect on the operations of the employer, on the objectives of providing the employees the right to effective representation, and on the meet and confer relationship.

(5) The impact on the meet and confer relationship created by fragmentation of employee groups or any proliferation of units among the employees of the employer.

(b) The board shall not determine that any unit is appropriate if it includes, together with other employees, employees who are defined as peace officers pursuant to subdivisions (b) and (c) of Section 830.2 of the Penal Code.

ARTICLE 7

ORGANIZATIONAL SECURITY

99566. Organizational security within scope of representation

Subject to the limitations set forth in this chapter, organizational security shall be within the scope of representation.

99566.1. Collection of fair share service fees

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, upon receiving notice from the exclusive representative of a transit district employee who is in a unit for which an exclusive representative has been selected pursuant to this chapter, the employer shall deduct the amount of the fair share service fee authorized by this section from the wages and salary of the employee and pay that amount to the employee organization. Thereafter, the employee shall, as a condition of continued employment, be required either to join the recognized employee organization or pay the fair share service fee. The amount of the fee shall not exceed the dues that are payable by members of the employee organization, and shall cover the cost of negotiation, contract administration, and other activities of the employee organization that are germane to its functions as the exclusive bargaining representative. Agency fee payers shall have the right, pursuant to regulations adopted by the board, to receive a rebate or fee reduction upon request, of that portion of their fee that is not devoted to the cost of negotiations, contract administration, and other activities of the employee organization that are germane to its function as the exclusive bargaining representative.

(b) The costs covered by the fee under this section may include, but shall not necessarily be limited to, the cost of lobbying activities designed to foster collective bargaining negotiations and contract administration, or to secure for the represented employees advantages in wages, hours, and other conditions of employment in addition to those secured through meeting and negotiating with the employer.

(c) The arrangement described in subdivision (a) shall remain in effect unless it is rescinded pursuant to subdivision (d). The employer shall remain neutral, and shall not participate in any election conducted under this section unless required to do so by the board.

(d) (1) The arrangement described in subdivision (a) may be rescinded by a majority vote of all the employees in the negotiating unit subject to that arrangement, if a request for a vote is supported by a petition containing the signatures of at least 30 percent of the employees in the negotiating unit, and the signatures are obtained in one year. There shall not be more than one vote taken during the term of any collective bargaining agreement.

(2) If the arrangement described in subdivision (a) is rescinded pursuant to paragraph (1), a majority of all employees in the negotiating unit may request that the arrangement be reinstated. That request shall be submitted to the board along with a petition containing the signatures of at least 30 percent of the employees in the negotiating unit. The vote shall be conducted at the worksite by secret ballot, and shall be conducted no sooner than one year after the rescission of the arrangement under this subdivision.

(3) If the board determines that the appropriate number of signatures have been collected, it shall conduct the vote to rescind or reinstate in a manner that it shall prescribe in accordance with this subdivision.

(4) The cost of conducting an election under this subdivision to reinstate the organizational security arrangement shall be borne by the petitioning party and the cost of conducting an election to rescind the arrangement shall be borne by the board.

(e) The recognized employee organization shall indemnify and hold the transit district employer harmless against any reasonable legal fees, legal costs, and settlement or judgment liability arising from any court or administrative action relating to the transit district's compliance with this section. The recognized employee organization shall have the exclusive right to determine whether any such action or proceeding shall or shall not be compromised, resisted, defended, tried, or appealed. This indemnification and hold harmless duty shall not apply to actions related to compliance with this section brought by the exclusive representative of transit district employees against the transit district employer.

(f) The employer of a transit district employee shall provide the exclusive representative of an employee with the home address of each member of a bargaining unit, regardless of when that employee commences employment, so that the exclusive representative can comply with the notification requirements set forth by the United States Supreme Court in *Chicago Teachers Union v. Hudson* (1986) 475 U.S. 292.

99566.2. Religious objections to membership

(a) Notwithstanding subdivision (i) of Section 99560.1, Section 99566, or any other provision of this chapter, any employee who is a member of a religious body whose traditional tenets or teachings include objections to joining or financially supporting employee organizations shall not be required to join, maintain membership in, or financially support any employee organization as a condition of employment except as provided in subdivision (b).

(b) The employee may be required, in lieu of a service fee, to pay sums equal to the service fee either to a nonreligious, nonlabor organization, charitable fund exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of Title 26 of the Internal Revenue Code, chosen by the employee from a list of at least three such funds, designated in the organizational security arrangement, or if the arrangement fails to designate funds, then to any such fund chosen by the employee. Either the employee organization or the transit district employer may require that proof of the payments be made on an annual basis to the transit district employer as a condition of continued exemption from the requirement of financial support to the recognized employee organization. If the employee who holds conscientious objections pursuant to this section requests the employee organization to use the grievance procedure or arbitration procedure on the employee's behalf, the employee organization is authorized to charge the employee for the reasonable cost of using that procedure.

99566.3. Record of financial transactions; report

Every recognized or certified employee organization shall keep an adequate itemized record of its financial transactions and shall make available annually, to the board and to the employees who are members of the organization, within 60 days after the end of its fiscal year, a detailed written financial report of its financial transactions in the form of a balance sheet and an operating statement, signed and certified as to accuracy by its president and treasurer, or corresponding principal officers. In the event of noncompliance with this section, any employee within the organization may petition the board for an order compelling compliance, or the board may issue a compliance order on its motion.

ARTICLE 8

RIGHTS-DISPUTES ARBITRATION

99567. Arbitration procedures

- (a) An employer and an exclusive representative who enter into a written memorandum of understanding may agree to procedures for final and binding arbitration of disputes that may arise under the memorandum of understanding or between the parties.
- (b) Where a party to a memorandum of understanding is aggrieved by the failure, neglect, or refusal of the other party to proceed to arbitration pursuant to the procedures provided in the memorandum, the aggrieved party may bring proceedings pursuant to Title 9 (commencing with Section 1280) of Part 3 of the Code of Civil Procedure for a court order directing that the arbitration proceed pursuant to the procedures provided in the memorandum of understanding.
- (c) An arbitration award made pursuant to this section shall be final and binding upon the parties and may be enforced by a court pursuant to Title 9 (commencing with Section 1280) of Part 3 of the Code of Civil Procedure.
- (d) The board shall submit a list of names of arbitrators to employers and employee organizations upon their mutual request. Nothing in this subdivision shall preclude the parties from mutually agreeing to some other means of selecting an arbitrator. The board shall also, if mutually requested to do so, designate an arbitrator to hear and decide the rights dispute.

ARTICLE 9

IMPASSE PROCEDURES

99568. Impasse procedures

The impasse procedures contained in Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 1137) of Part 3 of Division 2 of the Labor Code shall govern any impasse proceedings under this chapter.

ARTICLE 10

PUBLIC NOTICE

99569. Public meetings and comments

- (a) All initial proposals of exclusive representatives and of transit district employers, that relate to matters within the scope of representation, shall be presented at a public meeting of the transit district employer and thereafter shall be public records.
- (b) Meeting and conferring shall not commence on an initial proposal until a reasonable time has elapsed after the submission of the proposal to enable the public to become informed and the public has the opportunity to express itself regarding the proposal at a meeting of the transit district employer.
- (c) After the public has had the opportunity to express itself, the transit district employer shall, at a meeting that is open to the public, adopt a proposal, including any changes to its initial proposal that the transit district employer deems appropriate based on the public's comments.
- (d) New subjects of meeting and conferring arising after the presentation of initial proposals shall be made public within 24 hours. If a vote is taken on a new subject by the transit district employer, the vote on the subject by each member voting shall also be made public within 24 hours.
- (e) The board may adopt regulations for the purpose of implementing this section, which are consistent with the intent of the section, that the public be informed of the issues that are being met and conferred upon and have full opportunity to express their views on the issues to the transit district employer, and to know of the positions of the transit district employer.

ARTICLE 11

MISCELLANEOUS

99570. Exemption from Ralph M. Brown Act

The following proceedings set forth in this section are exempt from the Ralph M. Brown Act (Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 54950) of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5 of the Government Code), unless the parties mutually agree otherwise:

- (a) Any meeting and conferring discussion between a transit district employer and a recognized or certified employee organization.
- (b) Any meeting of a mediator with either party or both parties to the meeting and conferring process.
- (c) Any hearing, meeting, or investigation conducted by a factfinder or arbitrator.
- (d) Any executive session of the transit district employer or between the transit district employer and its designated

representatives for the purpose of discussing its position respecting meeting and conferring or regarding any matter within the scope of representation or instructing its designated representatives.

99570.1. Federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination

No memorandum of understanding shall contravene any federal or state law, including rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to such laws, prohibiting discrimination in employment.

99570.2. Severability

If any provision of this chapter or the application of such provision to any person or circumstance shall be held invalid, the remainder of this chapter, or the application of such provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

99570.3. Preservation of employee rights

(a) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to deprive employees of their rights pursuant to the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964 (49 U.S.C. Section 5301 et seq.) and the agreements entered into pursuant to Section 5333(b) of Title 49 of that act.

(b) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to deprive employees of their rights pursuant Sections 130051.24 and 130110 of the Public Utilities Code.

99570.4. Other labor provisions

For employees of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority covered under this chapter, this chapter shall supersede subdivisions (a) to (c), inclusive, of Section 30750 and Sections 30751 and 30755.

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