

**House Study Bill 45 - Introduced**

HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
STATE GOVERNMENT BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON RIZER)

**A BILL FOR**

- 1 An Act prohibiting the use of public resources for
- 2 union-related or politically partisan activities and
- 3 providing penalties.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **68B.9 Use of public resources —**  
2 **union-related or politically partisan activities.**

3 A public employee shall not use public resources for  
4 union-related or politically partisan activities. For  
5 purposes of this section, "*public resources*" means the moneys,  
6 time, property, facilities, equipment, or supplies under the  
7 control of the public employer. This section does not apply  
8 to statewide elected officials, local officials, and members  
9 of the general assembly; staff that such officials directly  
10 supervise; and partisan staff of the general assembly.

11 Sec. 2. Section 68B.34, Code 2017, is amended to read as  
12 follows:

13 **68B.34 Additional penalty.**

14 In addition to any penalty contained in any other provision  
15 of law, a person who knowingly and intentionally violates a  
16 provision of [sections 68B.2A through ~~68B.8~~ 68B.9](#), sections  
17 [68B.22 through 68B.24](#), or [sections 68B.35 through 68B.38](#)  
18 is guilty of a serious misdemeanor and may be reprimanded,  
19 suspended, or dismissed from the person's position or otherwise  
20 sanctioned.

21 EXPLANATION

22 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
23 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

24 This bill prohibits public employees from using public  
25 resources for union-related or politically partisan activities.  
26 The term "public resources" means the moneys, time, property,  
27 facilities, equipment, and supplies under the control of the  
28 public employer. The term "public employee" means state  
29 employees, legislative employees, and local employees. The  
30 bill does not apply to statewide elected officials, local  
31 officials, and members of the general assembly; staff that such  
32 officials directly supervise; and partisan staff of the general  
33 assembly.

34 The bill provides that a person that knowingly and  
35 intentionally violates the provisions of the bill is guilty of

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1 a serious misdemeanor and may be reprimanded, suspended, or  
2 dismissed from the person's position or otherwise sanctioned.  
3 A serious misdemeanor is punishable by confinement for no more  
4 than one year and a fine of at least \$315 but not more than  
5 \$1,875.