

Senate File 49 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to combined charitable campaign programs
2 administered by certain public employers.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 8A.432, subsection 1, Code 2017, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. The department shall establish and administer a combined
4 charitable campaign program for state employees pursuant to
5 the requirements set forth in sections 70A.14 and 70A.15.
6 Administration of the combined charitable campaign program
7 shall include allowing equal access to state officers and
8 employees by each charitable organization that desires to
9 participate in the charitable campaign program. Such access
10 shall include but is not limited to distributing materials,
11 making presentations, participating in kick-off and other
12 charitable campaign program events, and allowing media coverage
13 of the campaign.

14 Sec. 2. Section 70A.14, subsection 1, Code 2017, is amended
15 to read as follows:

16 1. "*Charitable organization*" means an organization that is
17 eligible to receive contributions which may be deducted on the
18 contributor's Iowa individual tax return and that has been
19 designated, ~~at the request of one hundred or more eligible~~
20 ~~state officers and employees, or the number of employees~~
21 ~~required by subsection 3 of this section,~~ by a responsible
22 official of the payroll system under which the officers or
23 employees are compensated, to receive contributions pursuant
24 to [section 70A.15](#).

25 Sec. 3. Section 70A.14, subsection 3, Code 2017, is amended
26 by striking the subsection.

27 Sec. 4. Section 70A.15A, Code 2017, is amended by adding the
28 following new subsection:

29 NEW SUBSECTION. 1A. An applicable public employer that
30 authorizes deductions from the salaries or wages of its
31 employees for payment to an eligible charitable organization
32 shall establish and administer a combined charitable campaign
33 program. Administration of the combined charitable campaign
34 program shall include allowing equal access to employees of
35 the applicable public employer by each eligible charitable

1 organization that desires to participate in the charitable
2 campaign program. Such access shall include but is not limited
3 to distributing materials, making presentations, participation
4 in kick-off and other charitable campaign program events, and
5 allowing media coverage of the campaign.

6 EXPLANATION

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

9 This bill requires certain public employers that provide
10 payroll deductions from their employees' wages for payment to
11 a charitable organization to administer a combined charitable
12 campaign program that includes all eligible charitable
13 organizations that wish to participate. The requirements
14 apply to a state officer or employer, a board of directors
15 of a school district, a community college, a county board of
16 supervisors, or a governing body of a city.

17 The combined charitable campaign program must allow equal
18 access to employees of the state officer or other public
19 employer by each eligible charitable organization that desires
20 to participate in the charitable campaign program; such access
21 shall include but is not limited to distributing materials,
22 making presentations, participation in kick-off and other
23 charitable campaign program events, and allowing media coverage
24 of the campaign.

25 The bill also eliminates requirements that a charitable
26 organization can participate in the combined charitable
27 campaign program for state officers or employees only if a
28 specified number of state officers or employees has chosen that
29 organization to receive contributions.