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H 1473. ED. EMPLOYEE ASS'N./EQUAL ACCESS ACT. Filed 4/9/09. TO ENACT THE EQUAL ACCESS ACT.

Enacts new Part 9, entitled Equal Access Act, in Article 22 of Subchapter V of GS Chapter 115C to (1) provide that all education employee associations (associations) have equal access to school employees and (2) prohibit schools from favoring or endorsing an association. Specifically prohibits (1) granting access to employees' physical or electronic mailboxes to an association unless the school gives such access to all associations operating in the local administrative unit (unit); (2) permitting an association to attend new teacher or employee orientations to recruit members unless it allows all associations operating in the unit to attend; (3) giving an association preferential treatment through procedures, policies, or any other means; (4) endorsing one association over another; or (5) referring to days or breaks in a school calendar by the name of the association. Effective beginning with the 2009-10 school year.

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