

The **Association** report

from the **Capitol**

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With just hours remaining in the 2018 Missouri Legislative Session, the State Senate passed last night (May 16) a version of [HB1413](#), the “paycheck protection” bill. The session ends at 6 p.m. Friday (May 18). This is legislation which we believe could potentially be harmful to voluntary associations such as ours due to onerous and unnecessary requirements.

For instance, “Fees (dues) may be withheld from public employee paychecks only with annual consent of the public employee.” Further, “Any authorization required by the bill may be in written or electronic form.”

Also; “Each labor organization is required to make annual reports to the Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations with information relating to the membership and financial transactions of the organization.”

However, another provision of the senate substitute for [HB1413](#) offers the possibility of exempting our Association. Among the exemptions it states: “It shall not apply to public safety labor organizations representing persons trained or authorized by law or rule to render emergency medical assistance or treatment, including, but not limited to, firefighters, ambulance attendance attendants, etc.”

Before this bill could advance to the governor for his signature, it must first return to the House where they would have to agree to senate changes. Otherwise it could be sent to a conference committee for an attempt to come to agreement. This bill is originally passed by the House (on Feb. 12) had no exemptions.

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