

Regular Session, 2012

# ACT No. 168

HOUSE BILL NO. 89

BY REPRESENTATIVE LIGI

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Part IV of Chapter 1 of Title 44 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be  
3 comprised of R.S. 44:67.1 and 67.2, relative to collective bargaining involving public  
4 entities; to provide relative to acceptance or offering for acceptance of certain  
5 collective bargaining agreements; to provide for public availability of certain  
6 documents; to provide for enforcement; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. Part IV of Chapter 1 of Title 44 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,  
9 comprised of R.S. 44:67.1 and 67.2, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 PART IV. PUBLIC EMPLOYER-EMPLOYEE

11 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

12 §67.1. Acceptance of collective bargaining agreement

13 A. No collective bargaining agreement to which a public employer is a party  
14 shall be accepted or ratified by the public employer or its representative until the  
15 collective bargaining agreement has been made available to the public via the  
16 Internet website of the public employer for at least five business days. The public  
17 employer shall issue a written public notice in the manner provided in R.S.  
18 42:19(A)(2) informing the public of how such agreement may be accessed and the  
19 date, time, and place of the meeting at which the agreement will be considered by the  
20 public employer for acceptance or ratification.

21 B. For purposes of this Part, "public employer" means the state or a political  
22 subdivision thereof, or a department, agency, office, institution, or other  
23 organizational unit of state or local government that employs one or more individuals  
24 in any capacity.

1           §67.2. Construction; enforcement

2                   A. The provisions of this Part shall be liberally construed to accomplish its  
3           purposes.

4                   B. The provisions of this Part shall not be construed to affect the rights of a  
5           public employer pursuant to Part V of Chapter 9 of Title 23 of the Louisiana Revised  
6           Statutes of 1950 or to require a particular form of employment agreement between  
7           a public employer and its employees.

8                   C. The provisions of this Part may be enforced as provided in R.S. 44:35.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_