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S.B. No. 1151

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to consultation with public employees concerning
3 employment matters.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 617, Government Code, is amended by
6 adding Section 617.0021 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 617.0021. EXCLUSIVE CONSULTATION PROHIBITED. (a) An
8 official of this state or of a political subdivision of this state
9 may not enter into a consultation agreement in which one or more
10 groups are designated as an agent for the purposes of consulting
11 with or representing public employees on employment issues,
12 including wages, benefits, and other conditions of employment.

13 (b) This state or a political subdivision of this state may
14 not prohibit an employee or a group of employees from seeking
15 advice, counsel, or the exchange of information on employment
16 matters, including wages, benefits, employment policies, and other
17 conditions of employment.

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.