

- SUBJECT:** Prohibiting school districts from requiring charitable contributions
- COMMITTEE:** Public Education — committee substitute recommended
- VOTE:** 7 ayes — Eissler, Farias, Jackson, Olivo, Patrick, Shelton, Weber  
0 nays  
4 absent — Hochberg, Allen, Aycock, Dutton
- WITNESSES:** For — Lindsay Gustafson, Texas Classroom Teachers Association; Ted Melina Raab, Texas AFT; (*Registered, but did not testify:* Portia Bosse, Texas State Teachers Association; Harley Eckhart, Texas Elementary School Principals and Supervisors Association; Monty Exter, Association of Texas Professional Educators; Casey McCreary, Texas Association of School Administrators; Martin Pena, South Texas Association of Schools; Julie Shields, Texas Association of School Boards)  
  
Against — None
- DIGEST:** CSHB 4014 would prohibit a school district board of trustees or school district employee from directly or indirectly requiring or coercing a school district employee to:
- make a contribution to a charitable organization or in response to a fundraiser; or
  - attend a meeting called for the purpose soliciting charitable contributions.
- CSHB 4014 would prohibit a school district board of trustees or school district employee from directly or indirectly requiring or coercing a school district employee to refrain from:
- making a contribution to a charitable organization or in response to a fundraiser; or
  - attending a meeting called for the purpose soliciting charitable contributions.

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The bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2009.

NOTES:

The substitute differs from the bill as filed by prohibiting a school district from requiring or coercing any school district employee, rather than any teacher, to make or to refrain from making a charitable contribution.