
Introduced by Senator Burton

February 12, 1999

An act relating to public employment relations.

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SB 402, as introduced, Burton. Employer-employee relations: peace officers and firefighters.

Existing law provides that employees of the fire departments and fire services of the state, counties, cities, cities and counties, districts, and other political subdivisions of the state have the right to self-organization, to form, join, or assist labor organizations, and to present grievances and recommendations regarding wages, salaries, hours, and working conditions to the governing body, but do not have the right to strike or to recognize a picket line of a labor organization while in the course of the performance of their official duties.

This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to protect the health and welfare of the public by prohibiting strikes by peace officers and firefighters, and to provide impasse remedies in lieu of strikes or work stoppages by peace officers and firefighters.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature hereby finds and
2 declares that strikes and work stoppages by peace officers

1 and firefighters are a matter of statewide concern and are
2 not in the public interest. The Legislature further finds
3 and declares that the dispute resolution procedures
4 contained in this act provide the appropriate method of
5 resolving disputes that lead to these strikes.

6 It is the intent of this act to protect the health and
7 welfare of the public by prohibiting strikes by peace
8 officers and firefighters, and to provide impasse remedies
9 in lieu of strikes or work stoppages by peace officers and
10 firefighters. It is not the intent of this act to alter the scope
11 of representation provided for in Chapter 10
12 (commencing with Section 3500) of Division 4 of Title 1
13 of the Government Code.

