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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

House Bill 937

(Delegate Wood)

Ways and Means

Education, Health, and Environmental  
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**Election Law - Employee Membership Entities - Collection and Transmittal of  
Campaign Contributions by Employer**

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This bill clarifies that an employer who withholds by payroll deduction an employee's political contributions to an employee membership entity, must collect the contributions and transmit them to the employee membership entity designated by the employee according to the requirements under existing law.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The bill would not affect State operations or finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** If an employer withholds from employees by payroll deduction the employee's dues to an employee membership entity, an employee may contribute by payroll deduction to one or more affiliated political action committees selected by the employee. Periodic contributions collected by payroll deductions must be combined and accumulated in a segregated escrow account maintained solely for that purpose and transmitted to the employee membership entity within 30 days of being withheld. The name of a contributor, the designated political action committee, and the date and amount of the contribution must be included with the transmitted contributions.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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