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**HB 266 – State Government – Public Employee Relations Act – Alterations  
Appropriations Committee  
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**Position: FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS**

AFSCME Council 3 represents 45,000 state, county, and municipal employees, the majority of whom are covered under the Public Employee Relations Act (PERA). We support House Bill 266 with the [conforming amendments](#) to Senate Bill 231. Membership in our union is voluntary. These amendments ensure that every member who wishes to pay dues, can do so through a payroll deduction, regardless of if they are in a represented bargaining unit or not.

PERA has produced meaningful improvements in streamlining and modernizing our public sector collective bargaining rights. AFSCME is proud to support the ongoing work of the Public Employee Relations Board (PERB).

We urge the committee to provide a favorable report on HB 266 with the conforming amendments. Thank you.