Introduced by Assembly Member McKinnor

January 22, 2025

An act to amend Section 3558 of the Government Code, relating to public employment.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 288, as introduced, McKinnor. Public employment: labor relations: employee information.

Existing law requires certain public employers to provide labor representatives with the names and addresses of newly hired employees, as well as related information, within 30 days of hire or by the first pay period of the month following hire. Existing law also requires the public employers to provide this information for all employees in a bargaining unit at least every 120 days, as specified.

Existing law, operative July 1, 2022, authorizes an exclusive representative to file a charge of an unfair labor practice with the Public Employment Relations Board alleging a violation of the above provisions only after certain requirements have been met.

This bill would delete the above reference to the July 1, 2022, operative date in those provisions.

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

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

SECTION 1. Section 3558 of the Government Code is amended to read:

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3558. (a) Subject to the exceptions provided here, the public 2 employer shall provide the exclusive representative with the name, 3 job title, department, work location, work, home, and personal 4 cellular telephone numbers, personal email addresses on file with 5 the employer, and home address of any newly hired employee 6 within 30 days of the date of hire or by the first pay period of the month following hire, and the public employer shall also provide 8 the exclusive representative with a list of that information for all employees in the bargaining unit at least every 120 days unless 10 more frequent or more detailed lists are required by an agreement with the exclusive representative. The information identified in 12 this section shall be provided to the exclusive representative 13 regardless of whether the newly hired public employee was 14 previously employed by the public employer. The information 15 under this section shall be provided in a manner consistent with Section 7928.300 and in a manner consistent with Section 6207 16 17 for a participant in the address confidentiality program established 18 pursuant to Chapter 3.1 (commencing with Section 6205) of 19 Division 7. The provision of information under this section shall be consistent with the employee privacy requirements described 20 in County of Los Angeles v. Los Angeles County Employee 22 Relations Com. (2013) 56 Cal.4th 905. This section does not preclude a public employer and exclusive representative from 23 agreeing to a different interval within which the public employer 24 25 provides the exclusive representative with the name, job title, 26 department, work location, work, home, and personal cellular telephone numbers, personal email addresses, and home address of any newly hired employee or member of the bargaining unit.

- (b) An exclusive representative may file a charge of an unfair labor practice, pursuant to subdivision (d), alleging a violation of subdivision (a) only after the following requirements have been met:
- (1) The aggrieved exclusive representative gives written notice to the public employer, or a designated representative of the public employer, of an alleged violation of subdivision (a), including the facts and theories to support the alleged violation. The designated representative to receive written notice of an alleged violation of subdivision (a) shall be the proper recipient under Public Employment Relations Board regulations for filing or service of Public Employment Relations Board matters.

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(2) The public employer fails to comply with the requirements prescribed in subdivision (c), if applicable.

- (c) (1) If the alleged violation is that a public employer has provided an inaccurate or incomplete list of employees to the exclusive representative, the public employer has 20 calendar days to cure the alleged violation by complying with the requirements of this subdivision. For purposes of this subdivision, a cure is the provision of an accurate and complete list to the exclusive representative. The opportunity to cure does not apply to any other violation of subdivision (a), including, but not limited to, the failure to submit a list of newly hired employees or a list of bargaining unit members within the time periods prescribed by subdivision (a). The public employer shall give written notice by either certified mail or electronically within the 20-calendar day period to the applicable exclusive representative of the actions taken. The aggrieved exclusive representative may file an unfair practice charge with the board if the alleged violation is not cured.
- (2) A public employer may avail itself of the opportunity to cure pursuant to this subdivision not more than three times in any 12-month period.
- (d) (1) Subject to the limit described in paragraph (2) of subdivision (c) of Section 3555.5, the exclusive representative may file an unfair practice charge with the Public Employment Relations Board for violations of subdivision (a), as described in subdivisions (b) and (c).
- (2) In addition to any other remedy provided by law, a public employer found to have violated subdivision (a) shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), which shall be determined by the Public Employment Relations Board through application of the following criteria:
 - (A) The public employer's annual budget.
- (B) The severity of the violation.
- (C) Any prior history of violations by the public employer.
- (3) This penalty shall be paid to the General Fund.
- (4) The Public Employment Relations Board shall award to a prevailing party attorney's fees and costs that accrue from the inception of proceedings before the board's Division of Administrative Law until final disposition of the charge by the board. The board, however, shall not award attorney's fees and costs under this section for any proceedings before the board itself

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1 that challenge the dismissal of an unfair practice charge by the

- 2 board's Office of the General Counsel. If the board initiates
- 3 proceedings with a superior court to enforce or achieve compliance
- 4 with a board order, or is required to defend a decision of the board
- 5 involving this section after a party seeks judicial review, the court
- 6 shall award the board attorney's fees and costs if the board is the
- 7 prevailing party.
- 8 (e) The amendments made to this section by the act adding this subdivision shall be operative on July 1, 2022.