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Bill Analysis

SB 574 requires each school board to develop a code of ethics and professional responsibility for all teachers in the district. The code of ethics will include:

- 1) Provisions prohibiting teachers from endorsing or working against a candidate, piece of legislation, advocating for or working against a policy in a party platform, or wear any campaign gear
- 2) Provisions that prohibit endorsing actions that impede law enforcement, introducing controversial issues not germane to the class, or impeding military recruiters.

The code of ethics applies to teachers during employment hours or if they act within the scope of their employment. Teachers who violate the code of ethics are subject to termination. School districts are also prohibited from displaying campaign material on their property. Violating these provisions will result in a \$1,000.00 fine to be paid to the State Department of Education.

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