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## **Teamsters Union files suit vs. WVU BOG**

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CHARLESTON — The Teamsters Union filed its Freedom of Information Act suit against the WVU Board of Governors on Friday, seeking unredacted email exchanges regarding production of a study regarding the Legislature’s right-to-work bill.

The legislation in question is SB 1, the West Virginia Workplace Freedom Act. The House and Senate overrode a gubernatorial veto of the bill on Friday, the same day the suit was filed.

WVU spokesman John Bolt has said WVU does not comment on pending or active litigation.

The study was requested by Senate President Bill Cole, R-Mercer, and House Speaker Tim Armstead, R-Kanawha, and authored John Deskins, director of WVU’s Bureau of Business and Economic Research (BBER).

Teamsters’ attorney Sean Cook says in the suit, “the current material is requested for the very purpose of discovering whether professor Deskins was encouraged to enjoy academic freedom and produce an independent study, or if he was directed to a particular result before his research and work even began.”

The BBER received \$34,000 of public money for the study, the suit says.