

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE

H.P. 690 - L.D. 1095

An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Public Sector Bargaining in Public Schools

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §965, sub-§1, ¶B-1, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 752, §2, is amended to read:

B-1. For a public employer that is a school ~~district~~ administrative unit and the bargaining agent representing ~~teachers~~ employees within that school ~~district~~ administrative unit, to meet within 10 days after receipt of written notice from the other party requesting a meeting for collective bargaining purposes, as long as the parties have not otherwise agreed in a prior written contract, except that explicit waivers of collective bargaining over wages, hours, working conditions and contract grievance arbitration in a prior written contract may not be enforced for purposes of this paragraph. ~~This~~ The obligation to meet within 10 days of notice is suspended during the period between a referendum approving a new regional school unit and the operational date of the regional school unit, as long as the parties meet at reasonable times during that period;