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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 690, L.D. 1095, “An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Public Sector Bargaining in Public Schools by Providing an Exemption to the Time Limit on Negotiations”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

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

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'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;'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

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SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment specifies that collective bargaining agreements in school administrative units may not waive the right to bargain over wages, hours, working conditions and contract grievance arbitration.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)