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An Act To Encourage Teacher Input in Education Policy

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §965, sub-§1, ¶C, as amended by PL 2009, c. 107, §5, is further amended to read:

C. To confer and negotiate in good faith with respect to wages, hours, working conditions and contract grievance arbitration, except that by such obligation neither party may be compelled to agree to a proposal or be required to make a concession and except that public employers of teachers shall meet and consult but not negotiate with respect to educational policies; for the purpose of this paragraph, educational policies maydo not include wages, hours, teacher planning and preparation periods, class sizes, staffing levels, working conditions or contract grievance arbitration;

SUMMARY

This bill provides that teacher planning and preparation periods, class sizes and staffing levels are not educational policies that are not subject to collective bargaining.