

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 and also, with respect to teachers, class sizes and planning and preparation periods, 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 may not include wages, hours, working conditions, class sizes, planning and preparation periods or contract grievance arbitration;

SUMMARY

This initiated bill amends the labor laws to specify that planning and preparation periods and class sizes are matters subject to mandatory collective bargaining with respect to teachers and may not be considered matters of educational policy exempted from mandatory collective bargaining.