

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 2155

H. P. 1966

House of Representatives, February 2, 1976

Referred to Committee on Labor. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Connolly of Portland.

Cosponsors: Messrs. Davies of Orono, Hughes of Auburn and McKernan of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SIX

AN ACT Regarding the Rights of Students at the University of Maine in the
University Bargaining Process.

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

26 MRSA § 1024, sub-§ 4, is enacted to read:

4. Students.

A. When collective bargaining is to take place between the university and the faculty or professional and administrative staff, the board of trustees shall appoint 3 currently enrolled students who are broadly representative of the various campuses in the university system to meet and confer with the university and the bargaining agent prior to collective bargaining.

B. During the course of collective bargaining, the student representatives designated under subparagraph A shall be allowed to attend and observe all meetings between the university and the bargaining agent at which collective bargaining occurs. These students shall be present at these sessions as nonvoting members of the university bargaining team and as such shall be bound by the same rules, including but not limited to, those regarding confidentiality, as other members of that team. These students shall be allowed to participate in caucuses of the university bargaining team held during the collective bargaining process.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill would allow duly designated student representatives to be present at collective bargaining sessions involving the university and faculty or professional and administrative staff. The students would participate as part of the university bargaining team. The purpose of the legislation is to protect legitimate student interests which could be compromised in a closed collective bargaining process.

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