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Office of the Clerk of the House

Governor's Bill. The Committee on Labor suggested.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Boudreau of Waterville

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-EIGHT

AN ACT to Amend the University of Maine Labor Relations Act.

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

26 MRSA § 1024, sub-§ 1-B, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 581, § 5, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

1-B. Vocational-technical institutes and state schools for practical nursing units. It is the express legislative intent to foster meaningful collective bargaining for employees of the vocational-technical institutes and state schools for practical nursing. Therefore, in accordance with this policy, the faculty and instructors in the vocational-technical institutes and the state schools for practical nursing shall be included in a single bargaining unit.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to eliminate the administrative bargaining unit and the classified bargaining unit set up for vocational-technical institute employees in amendments to the University of Maine collective bargaining law during the last session. The faculty and instructors of the vocational-technical institutes and the schools for practical nursing have been included in the faculty and instructors unit created in that same legislation. These additional units are unnecessary and could be a potential source of confusion and unnecessary duplication of bargaining units in the future, as the other employees in these institutions have already been included in bargaining units established by the Maine Labor Relations Board.