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H. P. 218 House of Representatives, February 1, 1979 Referred to the Committee on Labor. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Wyman of Pittsfield.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Clarify Issues under the Municipal Public Employees Labor Relations Statutes.

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

26 MRSA § 965, sub-§ 1, ¶ C, is 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 shall 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 shall not include wages, hours, working conditions or contract grievance arbitration, nor shall it include any subject matter covered by the terms "wages, hours, working conditions and contract grievance arbitration," unless that subject has been excluded from this chapter;

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill clears up a great many difficulties arising out of conflict with other statutes that impact the bargaining process because many statutes relating to wages, hours and working conditions were enacted prior to this bill and continually interfere with these standards.