

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 2, 1979

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Lewis of Auburn.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

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**AN ACT Relating to Negotiations Involving State Employees under the Labor Laws.**

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

1 MRSA § 405, sub-§ 6, ¶ D, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 758, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**D. Negotiations between the representatives of a public employer and public employees may be open to the public provided that the public employer determines that negotiations be conducted in open sessions. In any event, either party may publicize the parties' initial collective bargaining proposals and other subsequent proposals and counterproposals. Discussion of labor contracts and proposals and meetings between a public agency and its negotiators may be held in an executive session.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill would provide for open negotiations upon the determination of the public employer. In addition, all collective bargaining proposals and counterproposals would be subject to publication by either party regardless of whether negotiations were conducted in open or executive session.