

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 980

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7 S.P. 359

In Senate, March 12, 1985

8 Referred to the Committee on Labor. Sent down for concurrence and
9 ordered printed.

10 JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Bustin of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative Greenlaw of Standish, Representative
11 Priest of Brunswick and Senator Webster of Franklin.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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17 AN ACT to Provide for Prompt Dispute
18 Resolution under Maine's State
19 Bargaining Law.
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
22 follows:

23 26 MRSA §979-D, sub-§3, ¶D is enacted to read:

24 D. The fact finders shall submit with their
25 findings a cost statement. The statement shall
26 set forth the total annualized cost, if any, to
27 the public employer if the findings of the fact
28 finder were put into effect. Commencing at the
29 first pay period after the 30-day period follow-
30 ing submission of findings, or the first pay pe-
31 riod following the expiration date of the most
32 recent contract, whichever occurs last, the pub-
33 lic employer shall cause to be deposited in a
34 special interest-bearing account an amount suffi-
35 cient to fund the costs consistent with the cost
36 statement. The money that accumulates in the ac-

count from deposits and earnings shall be held in trust by the public employer until a new contract is approved by the Legislature and signed by the parties. At that time, this money shall be used to pay all or part of any and all retroactive increases in wages or benefits, and after such costs are fully met, the remainder, if any, shall be used to help fund the costs of the contract.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill encourages prompt resolution of labor disputes between the State and its employees. The law is amended to provide that after the fact finders submit their findings, they shall submit their estimate of the costs, and that if agreement is not reached in 30 days, the State will be required to set aside money to fund these costs in a separate interest-bearing account. In this way, a potential incentive to the State not to settle is removed, that is, the State cannot continue to use these funds for other purposes.

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