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# 120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

### **FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2001**

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H.P. 828

House of Representatives, February 22, 2001

Millicent M. Mac Failand

An Act to Allow Municipal Officers to Negotiate Employment Contracts with School Employees.

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative SCHNEIDER of Durham.

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §2706 is enacted to read:

#### §2706. Employment of school employees

Notwithstanding the provisions of Title 20-A, section 1001 or any other provision of law, the municipal officers may, by majority vote, elect to negotiate employment contracts with employees of a municipal school unit as defined in Title 20-A, section 1, subsection 19. A decision by municipal officers to negotiate employment contracts with school employees does not void an existing collective bargaining agreement or other employment contract with school employees. An agreement or contract negotiated by municipal officers with school employees may not take effect until the expiration of an existing agreement or contract. Nothing in this section may be construed to prevent a school board from carrying out any of its other duties in managing a municipal school unit.

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill authorizes the officers of a municipality, by a majority vote, to elect to negotiate employment contracts with employees of a municipal school unit.