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S.P. 380

In Senate, March 19, 2013

An Act To Encourage Teacher Input in Education Policy

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator PATRICK of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative GILBERT of Jay and
Senators: JACKSON of Aroostook, TUTTLE of York, Representatives: CAREY of Lewiston,
LAJOIE of Lewiston, STANLEY of Medway, THERIAULT of Madawaska.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §965, sub-§1, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 107, §5, is
3 further amended to read:

4 C. To confer and negotiate in good faith with respect to wages, hours, working
5 conditions and contract grievance arbitration, except that by such obligation neither
6 party may be compelled to agree to a proposal or be required to make a concession
7 and except that public employers of teachers shall meet and consult but not negotiate
8 with respect to educational policies; for the purpose of this paragraph, educational
9 policies ~~may~~ do not include wages, hours, teacher planning and preparation periods,
10 class sizes, staffing levels, working conditions or contract grievance arbitration;

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill provides that teacher planning and preparation periods, class sizes and
13 staffing levels are not educational policies that are not subject to collective bargaining.