

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

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**Augusta, Maine**  
**2019**

B. To meet within 10 days after receipt of written notice from the other party requesting a meeting for collective bargaining purposes, as long as the parties have not otherwise agreed in a prior written contract. This obligation is suspended during the period between a referendum approving a new regional school unit and the operational date of the regional school unit, as long as the parties meet at reasonable times during that period;

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 may 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 may not include wages, hours, working conditions or contract grievance arbitration;

D. To execute in writing any agreements arrived at, the term of any such agreement to be subject to negotiation but may not exceed 3 years; and

E. To participate in good faith in the mediation, fact-finding and arbitration procedures required by this section.

~~Whenever wages, rates of pay or any other matter requiring appropriation of money by any municipality or county are included as a matter of collective bargaining conducted pursuant to this chapter, it is the obligation of the bargaining agent to serve written notice of request for collective bargaining on the public employer at least 120 days before the conclusion of the current fiscal operating budget, except that this requirement is waived in the event that a bargaining agent of a newly formed bargaining unit is recognized or certified during the period not more than 120 days nor less than 30 days prior to the end of the fiscal period. The 120 day notice requirement is also waived with respect to regional school units formed pursuant to Title 20-A, chapter 103-A, subchapter 2 prior to their first year of operation.~~

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 241**

**S.P. 382 - L.D. 1262**

**An Act To Allow Funds from the Federal E-Rate Program To Be Applied to Maine Preschool Programs**

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

**Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1, sub-§23-A**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 141, §2, is amended to read:

**23-A. Public preschool program.** "Public preschool program" means a program offered by a public elementary school pursuant to chapter 203 that provides instruction to children who are 4 years of age, including but not limited to a Head Start program that is approved as a component of the public preschool program.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 242**

**S.P. 386 - L.D. 1266**

**An Act To Create Transportation Corridor Districts for the Purpose of Funding Transportation and Transit Services**

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

**Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §3501, sub-§1, ¶¶C and D**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 and Pt. C, §106 and amended by PL 1989, c. 6; c. 9, §2; and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, are further amended to read:

C. A municipality voting to provide mass transportation service without the creation of a district; and

D. A regional transportation corporation, except that sections 3510, 3512 and 3517 do not apply to a regional transportation corporation; and

**Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §3501, sub-§1, ¶E** is enacted to read:

E. A transportation corridor district, except that section 3502, section 3505, section 3516, subsections 2 and 3 and section 3517 do not apply to a transportation corridor district.

**Sec. 3. 30-A MRSA §3501, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

**4. Transportation corridor district.** "Transportation corridor district" means a specified area contiguous with a transportation route or facility that has been formed by a municipality or municipalities and approved by the voters as provided under section 3502-A.

**Sec. 4. 30-A MRSA §3502-A** is enacted to read: