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AN ACT

Relating to negotiations with certified employees of school districts and the mediation of disputes; and providing for an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

* Section 1. AS 14.20.570 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

Sec. 14.20.570. MEDIATION. (a) Upon the written request for mediation by an employee bargaining agency or a school board, and upon certification by the requesting party that the parties cannot agree on an independent private mediator and that good faith negotiations have terminated in an impasse, the following occurs:

(1) Within seven days of the certification the requesting party shall ask the United States Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service to serve as the agency to resolve the dispute.

(2) The mediator shall chair all mediation meetings between the disputing parties and attempt to resolve the differences between the disputing parties and reach common acceptance of terms and conditions or other items in dispute wherever possible.

(3) Within 30 days of the initial meeting of the parties to the dispute the mediator shall have reduced all the agreed terms, conditions and other items to a written contract. If mutually agreed the period for reporting the contract to both parties may be extended.

(4) Each party to the dispute may select a team of not more than five persons to present the evidence, thinking and position of the group they represent, to the mediator.

(b) If the mediation meetings are held during the school day, teachers representing an employee bargaining agency shall be released from classroom or other assigned duties without penalty or loss of pay.

* Sec. 2. AS 14.20.580 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

Sec. 14.20.580. THE MEDIATION REPORT. (a) Within 10 days each party to the dispute shall accept or reject in total the mediation report.

(b) If rejected by either party, the mediator shall have an additional five days to review the objections and prepare a final report.

(c) If the final report is rejected by either side, the governor may appoint an advisory arbitrator to review the issues and make recommendations for solution.

* Sec. 3. AS 14.20.590 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

Sec. 14.20.590. GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES. Negotiations agreements executed after the effective date of this Act shall define "grievances" and provide for grievance procedures for the certificated staff. The grievance procedures shall provide that the final step in the procedure shall be binding arbitration. The negotiations agreement shall provide a method for the selection of an arbitrator.

* Sec. 4. This Act takes effect July 1, 1975.