

By Mr. Callahan of Malden, petition of the Massachusetts State Employees Association relative to collective bargaining by employees of the Commonwealth. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Two.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING BY EMPLOYEES OF
THE COMMONWEALTH.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Subsection (6) of section 178F of chapter 149 of the
2 General Laws is hereby amended by adding at the end of
3 subsection (6) the following new paragraphs: —

4 The department or agency head shall begin collective bar-
5 gaining negotiations with the exclusive bargaining representative
6 within one month of the presentation of a proposed contract
7 by the exclusive bargaining representative to the department or
8 agency head.

9 The department or agency head is empowered to bargain and
10 negotiate with respect to wages and to enter into binding
11 contracts with respect to wages, provided that where wages are
12 being negotiated a representative of the director of personnel,
13 and a member or members of the joint ways and means
14 committee shall also participate in the negotiations, and when
15 an agreement is reached, the binding contract shall be signed
16 by the department or agency head, the commissioner of ad-
17 ministration and the director of personnel. The appropriation
18 act shall contain sufficient funds to meet the obligations of all
19 outstanding binding contracts, if recommended by the repre-
20 sentatives of the joint ways and means committee who partici-
21 pated in the negotiations.

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Statement of the Department

In the Year One Program for Health and Education

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE

It is the policy of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to provide for the health, education and welfare of the people of the United States.

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