AN ACT
RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - MUNICIPAL POLICE ARBITRATION - OBLIGATION TO BARGAIN

Introduced By: Senators Satchell, Ruggerio, Pearson, McCaffrey, and Archambault
Date Introduced: January 21, 2014
Referred To: Senate Labor

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 28-9.2-6 of the General Laws in Chapter 28-9.2 entitled "Municipal Police Arbitration" is hereby amended to read as follows:

28-9.2-6. Obligation to bargain. -- It shall be the obligation of the city or town, acting through its corporate authorities, to meet and confer in good faith with the designated representative or representatives of the bargaining agent, including any legal counsel selected by the bargaining agent, within ten (10) days after receipt of written notice from the bargaining agent of the request for a meeting for collective bargaining purposes. This obligation includes the duty to cause any agreement resulting from the negotiations to be reduced to a written contract, provided that no contract shall exceed the term of one year, unless a longer period is agreed upon in writing by the corporate authorities and the bargaining agent, but in no event shall the contract exceed the term of three (3) years unless a budget commission or a receiver has been appointed for a municipality pursuant to chapter 45-9 of title 45, in which case or if a municipality has a locally administered pension plan in "critical status" and is required to submit a funding improvement plan pursuant to § 45-65-6(2), in either of which case the contract shall not exceed the term of five (5) years. An unfair labor charge may be complained of by either the employer's representative or the bargaining agent to the state labor relations board which shall deal with the complaint in the manner provided in chapter 7 of this title.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.
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1 This act would redefine the circumstances in which a municipal police contract may exceed a term of three (3) years.
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3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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