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Amendment to SB 193

1 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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3 1 Obligation to Bargain; Good Faith. Amend RSA 273-A:3, I to read as follows:

4 I. It is the obligation of the public employer and the employee organization certified by the
5 board as the exclusive representative of the bargaining unit to negotiate in good faith. "Good faith"
6 negotiation involves meeting at reasonable times and places in an effort to reach agreement on the
7 terms of employment, and to cooperate in mediation and fact-finding required by this chapter, but
8 the obligation to negotiate in good faith shall not compel either party to agree to a proposal or to
9 make a concession. ***“Good faith” shall also mean to meet within 10 business days after***
10 ***receipt of a written request from the other party to meet to bargain. This 10-day***
11 ***requirement may be extended by mutual agreement but it shall not be considered***
12 ***negotiating in bad faith to refuse to extend the timeline.***

13 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill further defines "good faith" for the purposes of collective bargaining negotiations.