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Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Incorporate Binding Arbitration for Monetary Issues in Collective Bargaining for All State Employees'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §979-D, sub-§4, ¶D, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 774, is amended to read:

~~D. With respect to controversies over salaries, pensions and insurance, the arbitrator will recommend terms of settlement and may make findings of fact. Such recommendations and findings shall be advisory and shall not be binding upon the parties. The determination by the arbitrator on all other issues shall be final and binding on the parties. With respect to controversies over salaries, pensions and insurance, the arbitrator shall consider the last best offer of each of the parties and shall choose one of them as the arbitrator's determination. This paragraph is repealed 90 days after adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature.~~

Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §979-D, sub-§4, ¶D-1 is enacted to read:

D-1. With respect to controversies over salaries, pensions and insurance, the arbitrator will recommend terms of settlement and may make findings of fact. Such recommendations and findings are advisory and are not binding upon the parties. The determination by the arbitrator on all other issues is final and binding on the parties. This paragraph takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature.'

SUMMARY

The amendment removes from the bill the prohibitions against certain practices by public employers of state and municipal employees and limits binding arbitration to state collective bargaining practices. The amendment also provides that, with respect to controversies over salaries, pensions and insurance, the arbitrator must take the last best offer as the arbitrator's determination. This provision will be repealed 90 days after adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. The amendment also changes the title of the bill.