

and negotiate under this section the salaries, wages, hours, and other working conditions of all persons actually employed as substitute teachers or home and hospital teachers.

(c) The designation of representatives by the employer under this section does not prevent the designated employee organization from appearing before or making proposals to the public school employer at a public meeting or hearing.

(d) (1) If, on the request of either party, the State Superintendent determines from the facts that an impasse is reached in negotiations between a public school employer and an employee organization that is designated as an exclusive negotiating agent, the assistance and advice of the State Board may be requested, with the consent of both parties.

(2) If consent is not given and at the request of either party, a panel shall be named to aid in resolving the differences.

(3) The panel shall contain three individuals chosen as follows:

(i) One member is to be named by each party within 3 days; and

(ii) The third member is to be chosen by the other two members within 10 days after the request.

(4) The State Board or the panel selected shall meet with the parties to aid in resolving the differences, and, if the matter is not resolved, shall make a written report and recommendation within 30 days after the request.

(5) A copy of the report shall be sent to the representatives of the public school employer and the employee organization.

(6) All costs of mediation shall be shared by the public school employer and the employee organization.

(7) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subtitle, the public school employer shall make the final determination as to matters that have been the subject of negotiation, but this final determination is subject to the other provisions of this article concerning the fiscal relationship between the public school employer and the county commissioners, county council, and Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City.

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(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) "Confidential employee" includes an individual whose employment responsibilities require knowledge of the public school employer's posture in the collective negotiation process, as determined by the public school employer in negotiations with an employee organization that requests negotiation on this issue.

(c) "Employee organization" means an organization that:

(1) Includes noncertificated employees of a public school employer; and