



**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU**  
Governor

August 1, 2023

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 193

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on August 1, 2023, I have vetoed Senate Bill 193, relative to the obligation of collective bargaining units to negotiate in good faith.

Good faith negotiations in collective bargaining are already required in statute and are essential to producing a quality contract that works for both employees and public employers. It requires the parties to meet at reasonable times and places. Further inserting state government into the bargaining process by requiring the parties to meet within 10 business days after a written request from the other party is overly prescriptive. Timeframes for collective bargaining meetings should be defined and determined by the parties involved rather than signed into law through the legislative process.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed Senate Bill 193.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christopher T. Sununu".

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Christopher T. Sununu  
Governor