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A bill to be entitled An act relating to collective bargaining impasses; amending s. 447.403, F.S.; revising notice requirements for issues at impasse; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section 447.403, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

447.403 Resolution of impasses.-

(5)(a) By the first day of the regular session of the Legislature Within 5 days after the beginning of the impasse period in accordance with s. 216.163(6), each party shall notify the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives as to all unresolved issues. Upon receipt of the notification, the presiding officers shall appoint a joint select committee to review the position of the parties relating to and render a recommended resolution of all issues remaining at impasse. No later than the 14th day of the regular session of the Legislature, the committee shall conduct a public hearing to take testimony regarding the issues at impasse The recommended resolution shall be returned by the joint select committee to the presiding officers not later than 10 days prior to the date upon which the legislative session is scheduled to commence. During the legislative session, the Legislature shall take action in accordance with this section.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.