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Overview

Provides last-best-offer, total package arbitration for resolving collective bargaining impasses involving firefighters, unless the parties agree to conventional arbitration. This provision expires June 30, 2003.

- 1 Arbitration.** Amends the provisions of the Public Employment Labor Relations Act (PELRA) dealing with interest arbitration. Provides that for firefighters, the arbitrator must select the entire final offer of one party or the other, unless the parties agree in writing to use conventional arbitration. (In conventional arbitration, the arbitrator can split differences between parties on an issue, or can pick the position of one party on one item in dispute, and the position of the other party on another item.) Provides that the arbitrator cannot entertain any issue that is not a term or condition of employment, or that is defined as a matter of inherent managerial policy, unless the issue is included in the employer's final position

This section expires June 30, 2003.