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House of Representatives, January 8, 2025

An Act to Increase the State's Share of Retired Teacher Health Insurance

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative DODGE of Belfast.
Cosponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York and
Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, MURPHY of Scarborough, PLUECKER of Warren,
SKOLD of Portland, WARREN of Scarborough.

1 2	Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
3 4 5	Whereas, this legislation needs to take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period in order to provide an increase in the State's share of the cost of health insurance for retired teachers at the beginning of the next fiscal year; and
6 7 8 9	Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,
10	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
11 12	Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §13451, sub-§3, ¶ E, as amended by PL 2023, c. 412, Pt. OOOOO, §2, is further amended to read:
13	E. Fifty-five percent from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023; and
14 15	Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §13451, sub-§3, ¶F, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 412, Pt. OOOOO, §3, is amended to read:
16	F. Sixty percent after from July 1, 2023- to June 30, 2025;
17	Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §13451, sub-§3, ¶G is enacted to read:
18	G. Sixty-five percent from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026; and
19	Sec. 4. 20-A MRSA §13451, sub-§3, ¶H is enacted to read:
20	H. Seventy percent after July 1, 2026.
21 22	Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.
23	SUMMARY
24 25 26	This bill requires the State to pay 65% of a retired teacher's share of the premium for group accident and sickness or health insurance from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 and 70% after July 1, 2026.