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**STATE OF MAINE
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130TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 601, L.D. 1746, “An Act To Expand the 1998 Special Retirement Plan To Include Employees Who Work for the Office of Chief Medical Examiner”

Amend the bill in section 3 in paragraph R in the 2nd line (page 1, line 37 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "who elect to participate in the 1998 Special Plan"

Amend the bill in section 4 in subsection 2 in the 8th line (page 2, line 8 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "after June 30, 2022 for employees" and inserting the following: 'any employee'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 5 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 5. 5 MRSA §17851-A, sub-§3, ¶A, as amended by PL 2021, c. 474, §7, is further amended by amending subparagraph (1) to read:

(1) Service credit purchased by repayment of an earlier refund of accumulated contributions following termination of service is included only to the extent that time to which the refund relates was served after June 30, 1998 and before September 1, 2002 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs A and B; after June 30, 1998 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs C to H; after December 31, 1999 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs I to K; after June 30, 2020 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs N to P; and after September 30, 2021 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraph Q in any one or a combination of the capacities specified in subsection 1. Service credit may be purchased for service by an employee identified in subsection 1, paragraphs L ~~and~~, M and R regardless of when performed; and'

Amend the bill in section 7 in paragraph B in the first line (page 3, line 28 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "and" and inserting the following: 'and.'

Amend the bill in section 7 in paragraph B in the first line (page 3, line 28 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "F" the following: 'and G'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 7 the following:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 **'Sec. 8. 5 MRSA §17851-A, sub-§4, ¶G** is enacted to read:

2 G. The service retirement benefit of a member to whom subsection 1, paragraph R
 3 applies and who qualifies for service retirement benefits under subsection 2 must be
 4 computed under section 17852, subsection 1, paragraph A on the basis of all of the
 5 member's creditable service in the capacity specified in subsection 1, paragraph R,
 6 regardless of when that creditable service was earned, except that for a member
 7 qualifying under subsection 2, paragraph B:

8 (1) If the member had 10 years of service on July 1, 1993, the benefit must be
 9 reduced as provided in section 17852, subsection 3, paragraphs A and B for each
 10 year the member's age precedes 55 years of age; or

11 (2) If the member had fewer than 10 years of creditable service on July 1, 1993,
 12 the benefit must be reduced by 6% for each year that the member's age precedes
 13 55 years of age.'

14 Amend the bill by striking out all of section 9 and inserting the following:

15 **'Sec. 9. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
 16 allocations are made.

17 **ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE**

18 **Chief Medical Examiner - Office of 0412**

19 Initiative: Provides funds for the prospective costs for employees in the employment of the
 20 Office of Chief Medical Examiner within the Department of the Attorney General to
 21 participate in the 1998 Special Plan.

22 GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
23 Personal Services	\$0	\$35,787
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25 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$35,787

26 **Chief Medical Examiner - Office of 0412**

27 Initiative: Allocates funds for the prospective costs for employees in the employment of
 28 the Office of Chief Medical Examiner within the Department of the Attorney General to
 29 participate in the 1998 Special Plan.

30 FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2021-22	2022-23
31 Personal Services	\$0	\$1,403
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33 FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$1,403

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35 **ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE**

36 DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2021-22	2022-23
37		
38 GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$35,787
39 FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$0	\$1,403
40		
41 DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$37,190

1 **RETIREMENT SYSTEM, MAINE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES**

2 **Retirement System - Retirement Allowance Fund 0085**

3 Initiative: Provides one-time funds for the increase in the unfunded actuarial liability as a
 4 result of allowing service retirement benefits for employees employed in the Office of
 5 Chief Medical Examiner within the Department of the Attorney General earned under the
 6 regular state employee and teacher plan to be calculated under the 1998 Special Plan.

7	GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
8	All Other	\$0	\$457,818
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10	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$457,818</u>

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 12 **RETIREMENT SYSTEM, MAINE PUBLIC**
 13 **EMPLOYEES**

14	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2021-22	2022-23
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16	GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$457,818
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18	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$457,818</u>

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20	SECTION TOTALS	2021-22	2022-23
21			
22	GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$493,605
23	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$0	\$1,403
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25	SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$495,008</u>

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 27 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
 28 number to read consecutively.

29 **SUMMARY**

30 This amendment removes the election that employees in the Office of Chief Medical
 31 Examiner within the Department of the Attorney General must make to participate in the
 32 1998 Special Plan of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System. It also provides that
 33 the service retirement benefit for an employee in the office must be computed on the basis
 34 of all of the member's creditable service, regardless of when that service was earned.

35 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

36 **(See attached)**