



132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 2067

LR 2858(02)

An Act to Include Certain Community Mental Health Workers Under the 1998 Special Plan for Retirement

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Labor

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$1,902,735	\$27,144	\$28,203
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$1,902,735	\$27,144	\$28,203

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill adds to the 1998 Special Plan under the Maine Public Employees Retirement System those employees of the Department of Health and Human Services employed on August 1, 2026 or hired thereafter who provide crisis outreach and crisis services to adults with developmental disabilities or intellectual disabilities in a community-based or residential setting, who have the job classification of Community Response Worker. The bill allows the service retirement benefits already earned by those employees under the State Employee and Teacher program to be calculated under the 1998 Special Plan.

This bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation totaling \$1,876,610 in fiscal year 2026-27 to the Retirement Allowance Fund within the Maine Public Employees Retirement System for the increase in the unfunded actuarial liability created as a result of the provisions in this bill. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 18-A, unfunded liabilities may not be created except those that result from experience losses. The bill also includes ongoing appropriations beginning at \$26,125 in fiscal year 2026-27 to the Department of Health and Human Services for the increase in employer normal retirement contribution costs for 46 Community Response Worker positions.