



# 132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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**An Act to Improve the Public Employees Disability Retirement Program by Modifying Provisions Controlling the Reduction of Benefits and Clarifying Terminology**

**Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill**

**Sponsor: Sen. Tipping of Penobscot**

**Committee: Labor**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

No change to anticipated payments

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill raises the limit on income that a person receiving disability retirement benefits may earn from employment or gainful activity before their benefit is reduced. As a result of this bill, the Maine Public Employees Retirement System (MPERS) may potentially pay a larger benefit to a greater number of recipients than it pays currently. However, because MPERS does not assume any reduction in benefits due to income limitation exceedances in its projections, this bill does not change the anticipated disability retirement benefit payments that MPERS will need to make. Additionally, because MPERS does not budget for reimbursements owed to it due to income exceedances, there is no anticipated decrease in revenue.