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**An Act to Allow Nonmunicipal Emergency Medical Services
Providers to Be Considered State Employees for Purposes of
Certain Benefits**

Reference to the Committee on Labor and Housing suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook.
Cosponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo and
Representatives: GERE of Kennebunkport, ROEDER of Bangor, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of
Portland.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§1, ¶K**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 424, §2, is further
3 amended to read:

4 K. Any employee of a school administrative unit as defined in Title 20-A, section 1,
5 subsection 26 or of an educational advisory organization as described in Title 30-A,
6 section 5724, subsection 9; ~~and~~

7 **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§1, ¶L**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 424, §3, is amended
8 to read:

9 L. Any employee of an academy approved for tuition purposes in accordance with
10 Title 20-A, sections 2951 to 2955; ~~and~~

11 **Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§1, ¶M** is enacted to read:

12 M. Any emergency medical services person, as defined in Title 32, section 83,
13 subsection 12, employed by an ambulance service or nontransporting emergency
14 medical service licensed in accordance with Title 32, section 86.

15 **Sec. 4. 5 MRSA §17001, sub-§19, ¶F**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. I, §1,
16 is further amended to read:

17 F. Any educational institution in the State teaching courses equivalent to or higher
18 than secondary institutions; ~~or~~

19 **Sec. 5. 5 MRSA §17001, sub-§19, ¶G**, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. I, §2, is
20 amended to read:

21 G. Any public charter school, as authorized by Title 20-A, chapter 112; ~~or~~

22 **Sec. 6. 5 MRSA §17001, sub-§19, ¶H** is enacted to read:

23 H. An ambulance service or nontransporting emergency medical service licensed in
24 accordance with Title 32, section 86 with respect to its employees who are emergency
25 medical services persons as defined in Title 32, section 83, subsection 12.

26 **SUMMARY**

27 This bill allows an ambulance service or nontransporting emergency medical service
28 to participate in the State's Participating Local District Consolidated Retirement Plan as a
29 local district so that its employees who are emergency medical services providers may
30 receive state retirement benefits, death benefits and disability retirement benefits. The bill
31 also allows these employees to be eligible for the state group health plan.