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House of Representatives, April 14, 2015

**An Act To Ensure That Wages and Benefits of Maine State
Employees Serve a Public Purpose**

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative WARD of Dedham.
Cosponsored by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot and
Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, GILLWAY of Searsport, GUERIN of Glenburn,
LOCKMAN of Amherst, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, REED of Carmel, SANDERSON of
Chelsea, STETKIS of Canaan.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §975** is enacted to read:

3 **§975. Compensation for activities involving collective bargaining agent**

4 A public employer may not compensate a public employee, beyond regularly accrued
5 vacation or compensatory time, for participation in an activity involving that employee's
6 collective bargaining agent.

7 **Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §979-T** is enacted to read:

8 **§979-T. Compensation for activities involving collective bargaining agent**

9 A public employer may not compensate a state or legislative employee, beyond
10 regularly accrued vacation or compensatory time, for participation in an activity
11 involving that employee's collective bargaining agent.

12 **Sec. 3. 26 MRSA §1037** is enacted to read:

13 **§1037. Compensation for activities involving collective bargaining agent**

14 A university, academy or community college may not compensate a university,
15 academy or community college employee, beyond regularly accrued vacation or
16 compensatory time, for participation in an activity involving that employee's bargaining
17 agent.

18 **Sec. 4. 26 MRSA §1295** is enacted to read:

19 **§1295. Compensation for activities involving collective bargaining agent**

20 A public employer may not compensate a judicial employee, beyond regularly
21 accrued vacation or compensatory time, for participation in an activity involving that
22 employee's collective bargaining agent.

23 **Sec. 5. Application.** This Act does not affect the validity of a lawful contract or
24 agreement in existence on the effective date of this Act, but does apply to any extension
25 or renewal of such a contract or agreement.

26 **SUMMARY**

27 This bill prohibits a public employer from compensating an employee covered under
28 public sector collective bargaining laws for participating in an activity involving the
29 employee's collective bargaining agent, except through regularly accrued vacation or
30 compensatory time.