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H.P. 1120

House of Representatives, April 11, 2019

**An Act To Increase the Portion of Retirement Benefits to Which the  
Cost-of-living Adjustment Applies**

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

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

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake.  
Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and  
Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, GATTINE of Westbrook, PIERCE of Falmouth,  
Senator: BREEN of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §17806, sub-§1, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2015, c. 334, §1, is  
3 further amended to read:

4 A. Except as provided in paragraphs A-1 and A-2, whenever there is a percentage  
5 increase in the Consumer Price Index from July 1st to June 30th, the board shall  
6 automatically make an equal percentage increase in retirement benefits, beginning in  
7 September, up to a maximum annual increase of 3%. Effective July 1, 2011 to June  
8 30, 2020, the increase applies to that portion of the retirement benefit up to \$20,000,  
9 which amount must be indexed in subsequent years by the same percentage  
10 adjustments granted under this paragraph and paragraph A-2. Effective July 1, 2020,  
11 the increase applies to that portion of the retirement benefit up to \$30,000, which  
12 amount must be indexed in subsequent years by the same percentage adjustments  
13 granted under this paragraph and paragraph A-2.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill increases the portion of retirement benefits of retired state employees,  
16 teachers and beneficiaries of either to which the cost-of-living adjustment applies from  
17 \$20,000 to \$30,000 effective July 1, 2020.