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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
131ST LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1136, L.D. 1773, “An Act to Increase the State's Share of the Cost of Health Insurance for Retired Teachers”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the emergency clause and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §13451, sub-§3, ¶E, as amended by PL 2023, c. 412, Pt. OOOOO, §2, is further amended to read:

E. Fifty-five percent from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023; and

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §13451, sub-§3, ¶F, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 412, Pt. OOOOO, §3, is amended to read:

F. Sixty percent after from July 1, 2023; to June 30, 2024; and

Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §13451, sub-§3, ¶G is enacted to read:

G. Sixty-five percent after July 1, 2024.

Sec. 4. Additional amount for fiscal year 2024-25. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1536 and Title 20-A, section 13451, subsection 3, paragraphs F and G, after the transfers pursuant to Title 5, sections 1507, 1511 and 1519, the State Controller shall transfer at the close of fiscal year 2023-24 an amount equal to 10% of the amount available from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund after all required deductions of appropriations, budgeted financial commitments and adjustments considered necessary by the State Controller have been made to a Retired Teachers' Health Insurance program, Other Special Revenue Funds account, for the purpose of increasing the percentage of a retired teacher's share of the premium for group accident and sickness or health insurance that the State is required to pay.

Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF
Retired Teachers' Health Insurance 0854**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 Initiative: Provides ongoing funds to increase the State's contribution toward the retired
 2 teachers' share of health insurance premiums from 60% to 65% beginning in fiscal year
 3 2024-25.

4	GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
5	All Other	\$0	\$3,647,589
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7	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$3,647,589</u>

8 **Retired Teachers' Health Insurance 0854**

9 Initiative: Allocates funds for the purpose of increasing the percentage of the retired
 10 teachers' share of the premium for group accident and sickness or health insurance that the
 11 State is required to pay.

12	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
13	All Other	\$0	\$500
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15	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$500</u>

17 **EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**
 18 **DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

19		2023-24	2024-25
20	GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$3,647,589
21	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$500
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23	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$3,648,089</u>

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25 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
 26 number to read consecutively.

27 **SUMMARY**

28 This amendment requires the State to pay 65% of a retired teacher's share of the
 29 premium for group accident and sickness or health insurance after July 1, 2024. It also
 30 requires that 10% of the amount available from the unappropriated surplus of the General
 31 Fund at the close of fiscal year 2023-24, after certain transfers, be used to increase the
 32 percentage of a retired teacher's share of the premium for group accident and sickness or
 33 health insurance that the State is required to pay.

34 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

35 **(See attached)**