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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 259, L.D. 591, “An Act to Require the State to Pay Medicare Premiums for Certain Retired State Employees”

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 14 in the last line (page 1, line 10 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "subsection 7" the following: 'whose base annual state pension benefit on or after January 1, 2024 is projected to be less than or equal to the maximum amount of the retirement benefits that are subject to the cost-of-living adjustment under section 17806 being paid to retired state employees'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF
Accident - Sickness - Health Insurance 0455**

Initiative: Appropriates funds to pay 100% of the enrollee's share of the Medicare Part B premium for certain retired state employees.

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| GENERAL FUND | 2023-24 | 2024-25 |
| All Other | \$3,068,552 | \$6,289,879 |
| GENERAL FUND TOTAL | <u>\$3,068,552</u> | <u>\$6,289,879</u> |

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

SUMMARY

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. The amendment provides that the State must pay 100% of a retiree's share of the premiums for Medicare Part B for retirees not eligible for benefits under the United States Social Security Act whose base annual

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1 state pension benefit on or after January 1, 2024 is projected to be less than or equal to the
2 maximum amount of the retirement benefits that are subject to the cost-of-living
3 adjustment. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

4 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

5 **(See attached)**