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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 260, L.D. 579, “An Act to Include Certain Mental Health Workers Under the 1998 Special Plan for Retirement”

Amend the bill in section 2 in paragraph Q in the last line (page 1, line 11 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "thereafter;" the following: 'and'

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 3 and 4 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §17851-A, sub-§1, ¶R is enacted to read:

R. Persons in the employment of the Department of Health and Human Services on October 1, 2025 or hired thereafter who have the job classification of Mental Health Worker I, Mental Health Worker II, Mental Health Worker III or Mental Health Worker IV.'

Amend the bill in section 5 in subsection 2 in the 8th and 9th lines (page 1, lines 34 and 35 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "paragraphs R and S" and inserting the following: 'paragraph R'

Amend the bill in section 6 in subparagraph (1) in the last line (page 2, line 13 in L.D.) by striking out the following: ", R and S" and inserting the following: 'and R'

Amend the bill in section 7 in paragraph A in the 10th line (page 2, line 25 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "paragraphs R and S" and inserting the following: 'paragraph R'

Amend the bill in section 7 in paragraph A in the 20th and 21st lines (page 2, lines 35 and 36 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "paragraphs R and S" and inserting the following: 'paragraph R'

Amend the bill in section 7 in paragraph A in the 31st line (page 3, line 1 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "paragraphs R and S" and inserting the following: 'paragraph R'

Amend the bill in section 8 in paragraph B in the 9th line (page 3, line 19 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "paragraphs R and S" and inserting the following: 'paragraph R'

Amend the bill in section 8 in paragraph B in the 19th line (page 3, line 29 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "paragraphs R and S" and inserting the following: 'paragraph R'

Amend the bill in section 8 in paragraph B in subparagraph (1) in the 10th and 11th lines (page 3, lines 42 and 43 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "paragraphs R and S" and inserting the following: 'paragraph R'

Amend the bill in section 8 in paragraph B in subparagraph (1) in the 19th line (page 4, line 6 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "paragraphs R and S" and inserting the following: 'paragraph R'

Amend the bill in section 8 in paragraph B in subparagraph (1) in the 29th line (page 4, line 16 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "paragraphs R and S" and inserting the following: 'paragraph R'

Amend the bill in section 8 in paragraph B in subparagraph (2) in the 9th and 10th lines (page 4, lines 33 and 34 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "paragraphs R and S" and inserting the following: 'paragraph R'

Amend the bill in section 8 in paragraph B in subparagraph (2) in the 19th line (page 4, line 43 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "paragraphs R and S" and inserting the following: 'paragraph R'

Amend the bill in section 8 in paragraph B in subparagraph (2) in the 31st line (page 5, line 9 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "paragraphs R and S" and inserting the following: 'paragraph R'

Amend the bill in section 9 in paragraph G in the first 2 lines (page 5, lines 20 and 21 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "paragraphs R and S" and inserting the following: 'paragraph R'

Amend the bill in section 9 in paragraph G in the 4th and 5th lines (page 5, lines 23 and 24 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "paragraphs R and S" and inserting the following: 'paragraph R'

Amend the bill in section 10 in subsection 5 in the 9th and 10th lines (page 5, lines 42 and 43 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "paragraphs R and S" and inserting the following: 'paragraph R'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 10 the following:

'Sec. 11. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center Z222

Initiative: Allocates ongoing funds for the prospective costs of certain employees within the Department of Health and Human Services being allowed to participate in the 1998 Special Plan effective October 1, 2025.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$20,684	\$28,131
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$20,684	\$28,131

Riverview Psychiatric Center Z219

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for the prospective costs of certain employees within the Department of Health and Human Services being allowed to participate in the 1998 Special Plan effective October 1, 2025.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$573	\$779
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$573	\$779

Riverview Psychiatric Center Z219

Initiative: Allocates ongoing funds for the prospective costs of certain employees within the Department of Health and Human Services being allowed to participate in the 1998 Special Plan effective October 1, 2025.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$38,680	\$52,604
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$38,680	\$52,604

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS

	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND	\$573	\$779
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$59,364	\$80,735
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$59,937	\$81,514

RETIREMENT SYSTEM, MAINE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Retirement System - Retirement Allowance Fund 0085

Initiative: Provides one-time funds for the increase in the unfunded actuarial liability as a result of allowing the service retirement benefits for certain employees within the Department of Health and Human Services earned under the regular state employee and teacher plan to be calculated under the 1998 Special Plan effective October 1, 2025.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$2,855,717	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,855,717	\$0

RETIREMENT SYSTEM, MAINE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND	\$2,855,717	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$2,855,717	\$0

SECTION TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND	\$2,856,290	\$779
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$59,364	\$80,735
SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$2,915,654	\$81,514

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 specifies that the persons to be added to the 1998 Special Plan of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System under this legislation are employees of the Department of Health and Human Services employed on October 1, 2025 or hired thereafter who are in the Mental Health Worker I job classification, the Mental Health Worker II job classification, the Mental Health Worker III job classification or the Mental Health Worker IV job classification.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)