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Regarding “An Act Regarding the Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Health Insurance Program” I feel it is important for lawmakers to know a handful of things. I entered Maine PERS in 2010. This program was in effect, but it was not pushed and the information was skewed as presented at the time. This would be resolved with the briefing portion of the proposal.

Adding an open enrollment would allow those, like me, who never received proper information about the program OR perhaps some who chose to overlook it as a program that they did not need initially, to get enrolled. This only makes sense if the State of Maine wants to be taking care of their first responders. There have been recent initiatives regarding wellness, this is just as important as those initiatives in my eyes.

I feel there is enough information out there now about this program that, coupled with the mandatory briefings, the State will be able to grow this program leaps and bounds to better serve those who spend the best years of their lives serving the citizens of Maine.