

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

L.D. 1969

(Filing No. H-839)

2
4
6
8
10
12
14
16
18
20
22
24
26
28
30
32
34
36
38
40
42
44
46
48
50

STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
114TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1417, L.D. 1969, "Resolve,
to Require a Comprehensive Study to Equalize Maine State Retired
Teachers Health Insurance Premium Payments"

Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 2 and
inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved: That the
commission shall consist of 9 members. Four Legislators shall be
appointed jointly by the Speaker of the House of Representatives
and the President of the Senate; one of whom is a member of the
Joint Standing Committee on Aging, Retirement and Veterans, one
of whom is a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Education,
one of whom is a member of the Joint Standing Committee on
Banking and Insurance, and one of whom is a member of the Joint
Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. The
Governor shall appoint 5 members; one of whom is a retired
teacher to be selected from a list of 3 persons to be provided by
the Maine State Retired Teachers Association, one of whom is a
teacher to be selected from a list of 3 persons to be provided by
the Maine Teachers Association, one of whom is a representative
of the Maine School Management Association, one of whom is a
representative of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Maine and who has
expertise related to the duties of the commission and one of whom
is a representative of a private company that provides
self-insurance to its employees and benefits to retirees and who
has expertise related to the duties of the commission; and be it
further'

Further amend the resolve in section 3 in the next to the
last line (page 1, line 41 in L.D.) by inserting after the
following "commission." the following: 'commission, within 15
days of the completion of the appointment of members.'

Further amend the resolve by striking out all of section 4
and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved: That the commission shall undertake
a study to determine how to make retired teachers

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1417, L.D. 1969

2 health insurance premium payments by the State equal to premium
3 payments for all other state employees within the Maine State
4 Retirement System. In conducting the study the commission shall:

5 1. Identify the factors that have led to the current
6 situation;

7 2. Examine some of the options for administering the state
8 employee and teacher health care programs including, but not
9 limited to:

10 A. Combining the state employee and teacher programs, both
11 for active and retired persons or just retired persons;

12 B. Removing active employee and teacher health insurance
13 programs from collective bargaining; and

14 C. Placing retired employee and teacher health insurance
15 programs under collective bargaining;

16 3. In considering equalization of the teacher program with
17 the state employee program, examine changes in the latter, as
18 well as the former.

19 4. In comparing state employee and teacher retirement
20 programs consider:

21 A. Active employee and teacher salaries;

22 B. The retirement benefits received by each group from all
23 sources;

24 C. The total cost of health insurance premiums and the cost
25 the retired person is now required to pay;

26 D. Eligibility requirements for each group to retire;

27 E. Eligibility for health insurance coverage; and

28 F. Benefit design;

29 5. Consider other ways of addressing this issue, in
30 addition to equalizing the percentage of premiums paid by the
31 State for retired state employees and teachers, such as:

32 A. Equalizing the beneficiary dollar expense; and

33 B. Equalizing the percentage of the beneficiary's
34 retirement income going to insurance premiums;

35 6. Consider changes in the retired teacher program such as:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1417, L.D. 1969

2 School Management Association. In their place are added an
3 appointee of the Maine State Retired Teachers Association, a
4 representative of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Maine and a
5 representative from a private company that provides
6 self-insurance.

7
8 The amendment adds material that specifies the questions to
9 be examined and the method for examining them to the section
10 dealing with the duties of the commission. The addition of this
11 material is in accordance with the directions of the Legislative
12 Council.

13
14 Lastly, the amendment indicates that if the commission is
15 assigned staff by the Legislative Council, it must complete its
16 study by October 1, 1990 and submit its report and legislation by
November 1, 1990.

Reported by the Committee on Aging, Retirement and Veterans
Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the
2/27/90