

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 26, 1989. Referred to the Committee on Aging, Retirement and Veterans and 1,600 ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 14.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President PRAY of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative CLARK of Millinocket, Senator BUSTIN of Kennebec and Senator PEARSON of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

An Act to Allow State Employees and Teachers to Buy Back Time Spent as Peace Corps Volunteers.



Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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3 Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §17763, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801,
4 §§5 and 7, is amended to read:

6 2. **Other schools and programs.** A public school teacher who
7 terminates service in the State and who teaches under the
8 Volunteers in Service to America Program, the Fulbright Exchange
9 Program ~~or the Peace Corps, foreign or domestic,~~ or who teaches
10 children of United States Foreign Service Corps personnel outside
11 the continental limits of the United States is entitled to
12 service credit for that service under the following conditions:

14 A. The service credit may not exceed 2 years;

16 B. The teacher must return to active teaching in the State
17 within one year of the completion of the teaching outside of
18 the State described in this section; and

20 C. The teacher must, before any retirement benefit becomes
21 effective ~~for him,~~ pay into the Members' Contribution Fund,
22 by a direct payment or by an increased rate of contribution
23 through payroll deduction, an amount which, together with
24 regular interest on that amount, is the actuarial
25 equivalent, at the effective date of his the teacher's
26 retirement benefit, of the portion of his the teacher's
27 retirement benefit based on the additional creditable
28 service.

30 Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §17764 is enacted to read:

32 §17764. Peace Corps

34 A member who served in the Peace Corps, foreign or domestic,
35 may purchase service credit for that service under the following
36 conditions:

38 1. Limit on service credit. The service credit may not
39 exceed 2 years;

40 2. Creditable service required. Members whose Peace Corps
41 service preceded their becoming a member must, on the date of
42 retirement, have at least 15 years of creditable service;

43 3. Return to employment. The member must return to state
44 employment or active teaching in the State within one year of the
45 completion of the Peace Corps service; and

46 4. Payment to fund. The member must, before any retirement
47 benefit becomes effective, pay into the Members' Contribution
48 Fund, by a direct payment or by an increased rate of contribution
49 through payroll deduction, an amount which, together with regular
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52 through payroll deduction, an amount which, together with regular

2 interest on that amount, is the actuarial equivalent, at the
4 effective date of the retirement benefit, of the portion of the
6 retirement benefit based on the additional creditable service.

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10 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

12 This bill allows members of the Maine State Retirement
14 System to purchase credit for any years spent in the Peace Corps,
either before or after becoming a member of the retirement
system. Currently, only teachers have this right and it is
limited to those who were members of the system before joining
the Peace Corps.