

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1120

House of Representatives, April 11, 2019

**An Act To Increase the Portion of Retirement Benefits to Which the  
Cost-of-living Adjustment Applies**

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Reference to the Committee on Labor and Housing suggested and ordered printed.

Handwritten signature of Robert B. Hunt in cursive.

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake.  
Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and  
Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, GATTINE of Westbrook, PIERCE of Falmouth,  
Senator: BREEN of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §17806, sub-§1, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2015, c. 334, §1, is  
3 further amended to read:

4 A. Except as provided in paragraphs A-1 and A-2, whenever there is a percentage  
5 increase in the Consumer Price Index from July 1st to June 30th, the board shall  
6 automatically make an equal percentage increase in retirement benefits, beginning in  
7 September, up to a maximum annual increase of 3%. Effective July 1, 2011 to June  
8 30, 2020, the increase applies to that portion of the retirement benefit up to \$20,000,  
9 which amount must be indexed in subsequent years by the same percentage  
10 adjustments granted under this paragraph and paragraph A-2. Effective July 1, 2020,  
11 the increase applies to that portion of the retirement benefit up to \$30,000, which  
12 amount must be indexed in subsequent years by the same percentage adjustments  
13 granted under this paragraph and paragraph A-2.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill increases the portion of retirement benefits of retired state employees,  
16 teachers and beneficiaries of either to which the cost-of-living adjustment applies from  
17 \$20,000 to \$30,000 effective July 1, 2020.