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**An Act to Allow Federal Civil Service to Count for Purposes of
Maine Public Employees Retirement System Benefits**

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on March 12, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HARRINGTON of York. (BY REQUEST)

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §17759-A** is enacted to read:

3 **§17759-A. Federal employment service credit purchase**

4 **1. Service before becoming member.** Notwithstanding section 17759, a member
5 who served as an employee of the federal employment service before becoming a member
6 is entitled under this subsection to purchase service credit for the period of time that the
7 member served as an employee of the federal employment service by complying with the
8 applicable provisions of subsection 2. Service credit purchased under this section is limited
9 to 5 years.

10 **2. Members qualified for credit at actuarial cost.** A member qualified under
11 subsection 1 to purchase service credit at the cost set forth in this subsection is entitled to
12 service credit if the member pays an amount that, together with regular interest on that
13 amount, is the actuarial equivalent, at the effective date of the retirement benefit, of the
14 portion of the retirement benefit based on the additional creditable service.

15 A. Payment must be made before any retirement benefit becomes effective for that
16 member.

17 B. Payment may be made to the retirement system by a single direct payment or by
18 annual direct payments in accordance with section 17701, subsection 4.

19 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill allows a member of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System who
21 served as an employee of the federal employment service before becoming a member to
22 purchase service credit up to 5 years for the period of time that the member served as an
23 employee of the federal employment service.