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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
132ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 811, L.D. 1236, "An Act to Address Employee Retention of State Employees Who Are Firefighters at Bangor International Airport"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following:

'Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF

Military Training and Operations 0108

Initiative: Allocates ongoing funds for the prospective costs of certain employees within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management who are firefighters at Bangor International Airport being allowed to participate in a special retirement plan that allows for those employees to retire after 25 years of service regardless of age effective October 1, 2025.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$1,759	\$2,510
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,759	\$2,510

**DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF
DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	2025-26	2026-27
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$1,759	\$2,510
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$1,759	\$2,510

RETIREMENT SYSTEM, MAINE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Retirement System - Retirement Allowance Fund 0085

Initiative: Provides one-time funds for the increase in the unfunded actuarial liability as a result of allowing the service retirement benefits for certain employees within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management who are firefighters at Bangor International Airport earned under the 1998 Special Plan to be calculated under a special retirement plan that allows for those employees to retire after 25 years of service regardless of age.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$522,078	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$522,078	\$0

**RETIREMENT SYSTEM, MAINE PUBLIC
EMPLOYEES
DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND	\$522,078	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$522,078	\$0

SECTION TOTALS

	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND	\$522,078	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$1,759	\$2,510
SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$523,837	\$2,510

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, adds an appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 1236****LR 2257(02)****An Act to Address Employee Retention of State Employees Who Are Firefighters at Bangor International Airport****Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment****Committee: Labor****Fiscal Note Required: Yes****A (H-217)****Fiscal Note**

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$522,078	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$522,078	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$1,759	\$2,510	\$2,608	\$2,710

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation adds persons employed as firefighters in the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management at Bangor International Airport to a new special retirement plan that provides a service retirement benefit after the completion of 25 years of creditable service regardless of age and allows the service retirement benefits already earned by those employees under the 1998 Special Plan to be calculated under the new special retirement plan. This bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$522,078 in fiscal year 2025-26 to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System for the increase in the unfunded actuarial liability created as a result of the retroactive provision in this bill. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 18-A, unfunded liabilities may not be created except those that result from experience losses. This bill also includes ongoing Federal Expenditures Funds allocations of \$1,759 in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$2,510 in fiscal year 2026-27 to the Department of Defense, Veteran and Emergency Management for the increase in the employer's retirement contributions on a prospective basis.