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fied in subsection 1, paragraph S, a member in the capacities specified in subsection 1 must contribute to the State Employee and Teacher Retirement Program or have pick-up contributions made at the rate of 8.65% of earnable compensation until the member has completed 25 years of creditable service as provided in this section and at the rate of 7.65% thereafter.

Sec. 10. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF

Consolidated Emergency Communications Z021

Initiative: Provides funding to add the emergency communications director position to the 1998 Special Plan.

CONSOLIDATED EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$0	\$2,467
CONSOLIDATED EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$2,467

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CHAPTER 596

S.P. 817 - L.D. 2128

**An Act to Reorganize the
Emergency Medical Services'
Board to Implement the
Recommendations of the Blue
Ribbon Commission to Study
Emergency Medical Services in
the State**

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §88, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 2019, c. 370, §16, is further amended to read:

A. The board has one member representing each region, each of whom is appointed by the representative's regional council, and 42 5 persons in addition. Of the additional persons, one is ~~an emergency physician, one a representative of emergency medical dispatch providers, one a representative of the public, one a representative of for-profit ambulance services, one an emergency professional nurse, one a representative of nontransporting emergency medical services, one a representative of hospitals, one a fire chief, one a representative of a statewide association of fire chiefs, one a municipal emergency medical services provider, one a representative of not for profit ambulance services and one a representative in the field~~

~~of pediatrics. The members that represent for-profit ambulance services, nontransporting emergency medical services and not for profit ambulance services must be licensed emergency medical services persons. One of the nonpublic members must be a volunteer emergency medical services provider a representative of an emergency medical dispatch center or emergency medical dispatch provider, one is a representative of a municipal fire department administration, one is a representative of emergency medical services administrators, one is an emergency medical services paramedic licensed in the State and one is an emergency medical technician or advanced emergency medical technician licensed in the State.~~ Appointments are for 3-year terms. Members, ~~except the regional representatives and ex officio members~~, are appointed by the Governor. The statewide emergency medical services medical director ~~and, the statewide associate emergency medical services medical director and the commissioner or the commissioner's designee~~ are ex officio nonvoting members of the board.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §88, sub-§1, ¶B, as amended by PL 1991, c. 588, §16, is further amended to read:

B. The board shall elect its own chair to serve for a 2-year term. The board may adopt internal rules that may include, but are not limited to, termination of board membership as a consequence of irregular attendance. If a board member appointed by the Governor does not serve a full term of appointment, the Governor shall appoint a successor to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term. If a board member appointed by a regional council does not serve a full term of appointment, the regional council that appointed the board member shall appoint a successor to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term. Any board member may be removed by the Governor for cause. The board may have a common seal. The board may establish subcommittees as it determines appropriate.

Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §88, sub-§1, ¶C, as amended by PL 1991, c. 588, §16, is further amended to read:

C. The board shall meet at least quarterly, and at the call of its chair or at the request of 7 5 members. When the board meets, members are entitled to compensation according to the provisions of Title 5, chapter 379.

Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §88, sub-§2, ¶M is enacted to read:

M. The board shall by January 1st annually submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over emergency medical services matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over emergency medical services personnel licensing matters with any recommendations for changes to

this chapter and in related provisions as the board may determine appropriate. Either committee may report out legislation related to the recommendations in the report.

Sec. 5. 32 MRSA §89, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2007, c. 274, §21, is further amended to read:

1. Regions to be established; regional councils. The board shall delineate regions within the State to carry out the purposes of this chapter. The board shall set out conditions under which an organization in each region may be recognized by the board as the regional council for that region. A regional council shall, at a minimum, provide adequate representation for ambulance services and rescue nontransporting emergency medical services, emergency room physicians and nurses, hospitals emergency medical dispatch centers and emergency medical dispatchers, emergency medical services training centers and the general public. A regional council must be structured to adequately represent each major geographical part of its region. Only one regional council may be recognized in any region.

Sec. 6. 32 MRSA §89, sub-§2, ¶F, as amended by PL 2007, c. 274, §21, is further amended to read:

F. Nominating 2 or more candidates Appointing a candidate from each region for a position on the Emergency Medical Services' Board, from whom the Governor may select a member board; and

Sec. 7. 32 MRSA §89, sub-§2, ¶G, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 730, §§13 and 16, is amended to read:

G. Establishing regional goals to carry out the provisions of this chapter; and

Sec. 8. 32 MRSA §89, sub-§2, ¶H is enacted to read:

H. Regularly advising the representative to the board on issues, concerns and policies affecting the region that the council represents.

Sec. 9. Transition. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, section 88, subsection 1, a member of the Emergency Medical Services' Board serving on the effective date of this Act continues to serve until the expiration of that member's term.

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CHAPTER 597

H.P. 1442 - L.D. 2153

An Act to Transfer the Responsibilities of the Governor's Energy Office to the Department of Energy Resources

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

PART A

Sec. A-1. 2 MRSA §6, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2025, c. 390, Pt. A, §1, is further amended to read:

3. Range 89. The salaries of the following state officials and employees are within salary range 89:

Director, Bureau of General Services;
Director, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations;
State Budget Officer;
State Controller;
Director, Bureau of Forestry;
Director, Office of Policy Innovation and the Future;
~~Director, Governor's Energy Office;~~
State Human Resources Officer;
Director, Bureau of Parks and Lands;
Director of the Governor's Office of Communications;
Director, Bureau of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources;
Director, Bureau of Resource Information and Land Use Planning;
Director, Office of Cannabis Policy;
Executive Director, Office of Affordable Health Care; and
Director, Maine Office of Community Affairs.

Sec. A-2. 2 MRSA §9, sub-§3, ¶C, as amended by PL 2025, c. 390, Pt. A, §§2 and 3 and repealed by c. 476, Pt. A, §3, is repealed.

Sec. A-3. 5 MRSA §931, sub-§1, ¶G, as amended by PL 2011, c. 655, Pt. D, §1, is further amended to read:

G. Employees working in the Governor's office, ~~and the Governor's Office of Communications, Governor's Energy Office and at the Blaine Mansion House;~~