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COMMITTEE ON LABOR

March 14, 2006

The Honorable Beth Edmonds
President of the Senate
The Honorable John Richardson
Speaker of the House of Representatives
122nd Legislature
State House
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Madam President and Mr. Speaker,

Pursuant to Title 3 Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35, we are pleased to submit the findings of the Joint Standing Committee on Labor from the review and evaluation of the Maine State Retirement System under the State Government Evaluation Act. In its review, the Committee found that the Authority is operating within its statutory authority.

Sincerely,

Senator Ethan K. Strimling
Chair

Representative William J. Smith
Chair

cc: Gail Drake Wright, Executive Director, Maine State Retirement System
Patrick Norton, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis

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MEMORANDUM

Date: March 14, 2006

To: The Honorable John Richardson, Chair
The Honorable Beth Edmonds, Vice-Chair
Legislative Council, 122nd Maine Legislature

From: Senator Ethan K. Strimling, Senate Chair
Representative William J. Smith, House Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Labor

Subject: Government Evaluation Act Review of the Maine State Retirement System

This memorandum is to inform you that the Joint Standing Committee on Labor has submitted its findings and recommendations from the review and evaluation of the Maine State Retirement System under the State Government Evaluation Act, to the Legislature pursuant to Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, chapter 35.

cc: Members, Legislative Council
David Boulter, Executive Director, Legislative Council

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON LABOR
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**Review of the Maine State Retirement System
under the Government Evaluation Act**

March 2006

The Government Evaluation Act

The Government Evaluation Act provides for a system of periodic review of the efficacy and performance of state government agencies (3 MRSA §951 et seq.). The keystone of the Act is the agency program evaluation report that consists of a number of components required by the statute. Essentially, the report is an agency self-assessment, which the committee of jurisdiction uses as a starting point for its evaluation of the agency's effectiveness, efficiency and performance.

Review Process

On April 28, 2005, the Joint Standing Committee on Labor notified the Maine State Retirement System of its intent to review the office pursuant to the schedule established in 3 MRSA §959. The Maine State Retirement System submitted its program evaluation report as requested.

On January 19, 2006, the executive director of the Maine State Retirement System presented its report to the Committee. The Labor Committee held a follow-up meeting on March 9, 2006.

Findings and Recommendation

The Joint Standing Committee on Labor has reviewed the Maine State Retirement System and finds that it is operating within its statutory authority. The Maine State Retirement System is an independent public agency of the State that administers retirement, disability benefit, death benefit and group life insurance programs that cover State and other public employees. Detailed information about the Maine State Retirement System can be found in the office's report, submitted as part of this program evaluation, which meets the criteria set forth in statute (3 MRSA §956).