

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
AGING, RETIREMENT & VETERANS  
BILL SUMMARY



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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Adopted Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor if it is a floor amendment or the designation "COMMITTEE" if it is a committee amendment.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

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Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

OTP	Ought to Pass
OTP-ND	Ought to Pass in New Draft
OTP-ND-NT	Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
OTP-A	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

Sponsor: WEBSTER C, Bailey  
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: Present law differentiates between financial assistance and educational benefits available to children of disabled veterans. The definition of children under the financial assistance section is broader and includes stepchildren. The bill would have made the two definitions equivalent by applying the broader definition to educational benefits.

Sponsor: HICKEY, Clark N, Randall, Davis  
Committee Report: OTP

SUMMARY: The bill would have amended the method of calculating cost-of-living increases for benefits under the Maine State Retirement System. At present the formula is based on the Consumer Price Index but limited to 4%. In recent years the average increase has been around 3%. The bill would have allowed the uncompensated inflation from years in which the inflation was over 4% to be carried over and applied to years in which the inflation was under 4%.

Sponsor: HICKEY, Clark N, Randall, Davis  
Committee Report: OTP-A  
Amendments Adopted:  
H-134 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: The bill requires that the methods and assumptions adopted by the Board of Directors of the Retirement System be used to calculate the cost of benefits established through collective bargaining agreements.

The committee amendment (H-134) just clarifies the language as it applies to collective bargaining agreements in participating districts.