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ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 693

S. P. 244

In Senate, February 22, 1979

Referred to the Committee on Aging, Retirement and Veterans. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

Presented by Senator Clark of Cumberland.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Establish Special Retirement Provisions for Former CETA Employees.

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

5 MRSA § 1092-A is enacted to read:

§ 1092-A. CETA employees before July 1, 1979

1. **Definition of CETA employee.** "CETA employee" shall mean an employee paid under or enrolled in a program of the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1973 or 1978.

2. **Employer's contribution.** Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 1062 and 1092, the State or a participating local district shall not be required to contribute to the system for CETA employees. If an employee elects under subsection 3 to include CETA service as prior service credit, then that employee's CETA prime sponsor shall pay to the system an amount equal to the employer's contribution, plus interest, for the prior service credit.

3. **Service credit for CETA.** Service credit shall be granted to a member who, prior to July 1, 1979, became a CETA employee and:

A. Within 90 days of termination of CETA employment either:

- (1) Became a member of this system; or**
- (2) Became a member of another system to which this system's service time can be transferred;**
- B. Has been a member, including the CETA service time, for a length of time sufficient to be eligible for benefits; or**
- C. Service credit shall be granted only if the member has not received a return of his contributions for this time or he has redeposited them under section 1094, subsection 10.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill provides for a special retirement provision for CETA employees under the State Retirement System. CETA employers will not be required to make the contributions unless their employees become eligible for retirement benefits. If the employee can become eligible for benefits using the CETA service time, then the prime sponsor is responsible to make the contributions to the system.