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Reference to the Committee on Aging, Retirement and Veterans suggested and ordered printed.

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JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LUDWIG of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative PARADIS of Frenchville, Representative NORTON of Winthrop and Senator ESTES of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINE

An Act to Allow Teachers to Purchase Retirement Credits for Years Spent Teaching at a Private College Formerly Connected with a Secondary Institute. 1

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

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5 MRSA §17763, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. Colleges associated with private academies. A public school teacher may purchase up to 10 years of service credit for the time taught at a private college which had previously been affiliated with a private academy if the teacher:

A. Previously participated in the Maine State Retirement System while teaching at the private academy while the academy shared the same administration with the private college;

B. Continued to teach at the college but was unable to continue to participate in the Maine State Retirement System because the private academy portion of the combined institution closed;

C. Has 10 years of service in the public schools; and

D. Before any retirement benefit becomes effective for the teacher, pays into the Member's Contribution Fund, by a direct payment or by an increased rate of contribution through payroll deduction, an amount which, together with regular interest on that amount, is the actuarial equivalent at the effective date of the teacher's retirement benefit of the portion of the teacher's retirement benefit based on the additional creditable service.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill would allow teachers who are members of the Maine State Retirement System to purchase service time for the years they taught at a private college under certain conditions: they have 10 years of service in public schools; pay the actuarial cost of the added pension; and previously contributed to the Maine State Retirement System when they taught at a secondary institute affiliated with the college.

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