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7	STATE OF MAINE
9	SENATE 114TH LEGISLATURE
11	FIRST REGULAR SESSION
13	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to S.P. 337, L.D. 898, Bill, "An
15	Act to Extend the Eligibility of Retired Teachers for Group Health Insurance"
17	Amend the bill by striking out all of the title and inserting in its place the following:
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21	'An Act to Clarify the Law Concerning Retired Teachers' Health Insurance and to Compensate Retired Teachers Who Are Ineligible for That Insurance'
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25	Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:
27	'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §13451, as amended by PL 1987, c. 816, Pt.
29	KK, §17, is further amended to read:
31	§13451. State payment for group accident and sickness or health insurance for retired teachers
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35	Group <u>State payment for group</u> accident and sickness or health insurance shall be available to retired teachers as defined in Title 5, section 17001, subsection 42, subject to the
37	following.
39	<ol> <li>Eligibility; retired teacher members. Any retired teacher who receives a retirement benefit from the Maine State</li> </ol>
41	Retirement System shall be eligible for group accident and sickness or health insurance, provided that the retired teacher
43	also meets the eligibility requirements for participation imposed by the group plan that governed the teacher last as an active
45	teacher and participated in the plan for one year immediately prior to retirement or October 1, 1987, whichever comes last.
47	Retired teachers may not be required to maintain a dues paying membership in any organization as a requirement for participation
49	in a group health insurance plan under this subsection.

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1 2. Master policy certificates. The insurance company or companies or nonprofit organizations, or both, shall furnish the 3 usual master policy and certificates. The original master policy and certificate shall be held by the organization offering the insurance plan and the Commissioner of Administration shall hold 5 Each insured retired teacher-member shall a certified copy. 7 receive a certificate setting forth the benefits to which entitled, to whom payable, to whom claims shall be submitted and summarizing the provisions of the policy principally affecting 9 the retired teacher-member.

- Payment by State. The State through the Maine State
   Retirement System shall pay 15% of only the retired teacher members' share of this insurance.
- 4. Teachers not eligible under subsection 1. A retired
   17 teacher who receives a retirement benefit from the Maine State
   Retirement System but is not eligible under subsection 1 shall
   19 receive a payment of \$7 per month if the retired teacher:
- A. Was employed in a public school in Maine for at least one year immediately prior to reaching normal retirement
   age; or
- 25 <u>B. Had 25 years of creditable service.</u>
- 27 Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §13452 is enacted to read:
- 29 <u>§13452, Change of insurance plan</u>
- 31 <u>Retired teachers have the following rights relative to</u> obtaining group accident and sickness or health insurance.

 Access to group plan. The group accident and sickness
 and health insurance plan that is in effect for active teachers in a public school system must be made available to all teachers
 eligible under subsection 2, who retired under the Maine State Retirement System when they left that system and who choose to
 participate in the new plan. The rate for the insurance coverage shall be the same as the rate provided for active teachers in that school system.

 2. Eligible retired teachers. Retired teachers who had participated, at the time of retirement, in the group accident
 and sickness and health insurance plan offered by the public school for one year immediately prior to retirement or since they
 had become employed by the unit, whichever came later, shall be eligible to participate in whatever group plan that school unit
 offers to its active teachers. R. of S.

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1 3. School units which change plans. If a school unit changes its group health insurance plan or provider, the school unit at the time that it transfers active teachers to the new 3 plan or provider shall inform all retired teachers who 5 participate in the group accident and health insurance plan, through prior employment with that school unit, of the change, 7 detailing the provisions of both the old and new plans, Any retired teacher eligible under this subsection, within 90 days of 9 notification of the change, may request to be transferred to the new plan or provider. 11 Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA c. 505-A, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 324, is 13 repealed. Sec. 4. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated 15 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act. 17 1989-90 1990-91 19 EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF 21 **Teachers' Retirement** 23 All Other \$157,500 \$210,000' 25 27 STATEMENT OF FACT 29 This amendment clarifies confusion in the law that was 31 created by the passage in 1987 of 2 bills dealing with health insurance for retired teachers which were both given the same chapter heading and similar chapters, titles and headnotes. This 33 amendment refines the headnote and opening paragraph of the 35 section that was enacted by Public Law 1987, chapter 324, repeals that section and reenacts it under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 13452 under the chapter containing the 37 legislation that was enacted by Public Law 1987, chapter 450. 39 Under Title 20-A, section 13451, subsection 4, the amendment also provides \$7 a month to all retired teachers who are not 41 eligible for group health insurance, if they worked as public 43 school teachers for one year immediately prior to reaching normal retirement age or had 25 years of creditable service.

Reported by Senator Titcomb for the Committee on Aging, Retirement and Veterans. Reproduced and Distributed Pursuant to Senate Rule 12. (6/6/89) (Filing No. S-221)

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