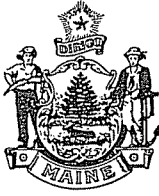


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S.P. 337

In Senate, March 22, 1989

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator EMERSON of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative RICHARDS of Hampden, Representative JALBERT of Lisbon and Representative HICKEY of Augusta.

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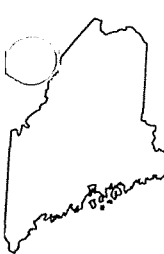
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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINE

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**An Act to Extend the Eligibility of Retired Teachers for Group Health Insurance.**

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

3 Sec. 1. 20-A MRS §13451, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1987, c.  
450, §§2 and 3, is amended to read:

5 1. Eligibility; retired teacher members. Any retired  
7 teacher who receives a retirement benefit from the Maine State  
8 Retirement System shall be eligible for group accident and  
9 sickness or health insurance, provided that the retired teacher  
10 ~~also meets the eligibility requirements for participation imposed~~  
11 ~~by the group plan that governed the teacher last as an active~~  
12 ~~teacher and participated in the plan for one year immediately~~  
13 ~~prior to retirement or October 1, 1987, whichever comes last.~~  
14 Retired teachers may not be required to maintain a dues paying  
15 membership in any organization as a requirement for participation  
16 in a group health insurance plan under this subsection. The rate  
17 for the insurance coverage shall be the same as the rate provided  
18 for active teachers in that school system.

19 Sec. 2. 20-A MRS §13451, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

21 4. School units which change plans. If a school unit  
22 changes its group health insurance plan or provider, the school  
23 unit at the time that it transfers active teachers to the new  
24 plan or provider shall inform all retired teachers who  
25 participate in the group accident and health insurance plan  
26 through prior employment with that school unit of the change,  
27 detailing the provisions of both the old and new plans. Any  
28 retired teacher eligible under this subsection, within 90 days of  
29 notification of the change, may request to be transferred to the  
30 new plan or provider.

31 Sec. 3. 20-A MRS §13461, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 324, is  
32 repealed.

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### STATEMENT OF FACT

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40 This bill clarifies confusion in the law that was created by  
41 the passage in 1987 of 2 overlapping bills dealing with group  
42 health insurance for retired teachers.

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44 The 2 differences between them are that the Maine Revised  
45 Statutes, Title 20-A, section 13451 requires that to be eligible  
46 for group insurance retired teachers must meet the eligibility  
47 requirements of the health plan in effect at the time of their  
48 retirement and limits the State's contribution to the retired  
49 teachers' pension to be 15%. (It is 100% for retired state  
50 employees.) Title 20-A, section 13461 has neither of these  
51 provisions.

1           This bill amends Title 20-A, section 13451 to eliminate the  
2 requirement that the retired teacher be eligible under the  
3 provisions of the plan in effect when the teacher retired and  
4 continues the 15% contribution provision. It repeals Title 20-A,  
5 section 13461.