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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to S.P. 787, L.D. 2033, Bill, "An Act to Allow State Employees and Teachers to Buy Back Time Spent as Peace Corps Volunteers"

Amend the bill by striking out all of the title and inserting in its place the following:

'An Act to Allow State Employees and Teachers to Buy Back Time Spent in Certain Programs'

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:

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §17754, sub-§1, ¶F, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §17763, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §17764 is enacted to read:

§17764. Vista, Peace Corps and foreign teaching

Members who served in the Peace Corps, foreign or domestic, the Volunteers in Service to America Program, or the Fulbright Exchange Program or who taught children of United States Foreign Service Corps personnel outside the continental United States or United States Armed Forces personnel located in any foreign country on a regularly established United States military base may purchase service credit for that service under the following conditions.

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1. Limit on service credit. The service credit may not exceed 2 years.

2. Creditable service required. Members whose service in these organizations preceded their becoming members in the Maine State Retirement System must, on the date of retirement, have at least 15 years of creditable service.

3. Return to employment. Members who terminated service in the State prior to service with these organizations must return to state employment or active teaching in the State within one year of the completion of service in these organizations.

4. Payment to fund. Members must, before any retirement benefit becomes effective, pay into the Members' Contribution Fund by a single direct payment to the retirement system an amount that, together with regular interest on that amount, is the actuarial equivalent, at the effective date of the retirement benefit, of the portion of the retirement benefit based on the additional creditable service.'

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

This amendment allows members of the Maine State Retirement System to purchase credit for any years spent in the Peace Corps, the Volunteers in Service to America Program, or the Fulbright Exchange Program or spent teaching foreign service or military personnel abroad either before or after becoming members of the retirement system. Currently, only teachers have this right and it is limited to those teachers who were members of the system before serving in these organizations.

Reported by Senator Titcomb for the Committee on Aging, Retirement and Veterans. Reproduced and Distributed Pursuant to Senate Rule 12.  
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