

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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115th MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1991

Legislative Document

No. 1525

S.P. 571

In Senate, April 16, 1991

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 PEARSON of Penobscot
Cosponsored by Representative O'DEA of Orono.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

An Act to Provide Fully Paid Health Insurance Benefits to Retired Teachers.

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

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3 Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §13451, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1989, c.
4 875, Pt. E, §25 and affected by §26 and repealed and replaced by
5 c. 878, Pt. A, §46, is repealed and the following enacted in its
6 place:

7 3. Payment by State. The State through the Maine State
8 Retirement System shall pay 100% of the retired teacher members'
9 share of this insurance.

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11 Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §13451, sub-§3-A is enacted to read:

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13 3-A. School units that change plans. If a school unit
14 changes its group health insurance plan or provider, the school
15 unit at the time that it transfers active teachers to the new
16 plan or provider shall inform all retired teachers who
17 participate in the group accident and health insurance plan
18 through prior employment with that school unit of the change,
19 detailing the provisions of both the old and the new plans. Any
20 retired teacher eligible under this subsection may request to be
21 transferred to the new plan or provider within 90 days of
22 notification of the change.

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24 Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §13451, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 1989, c.
25 878, Pt. A, §46, is repealed.

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27 Sec. 4. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated
28 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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	1991-92	1992-93
32 EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF		
33 Teachers' Retirement		
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36 All Other	\$4,663,140	\$7,481,188
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38 Provides funds to increase		
39 the State's contribution for		
40 retired teachers health		
41 insurance to 100%, effective		
42 October 1, 1991.		
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48 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

49 This bill provides for funds to increase the State's
50 contribution for group accident, sickness or health insurance on
behalf of eligible retired teachers. The State presently

2 provides 100% payment of group accident and sickness or health
insurance on behalf of state employees. This bill provides
4 parity between retired teachers and retired state employees by
increasing the percentage of state payment of health insurance
for retired teachers to 100%.

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8 This bill also corrects an error created by Public Law 1989,
chapter 878 that unintentionally omitted language intended for
10 the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 13451, subsection
3 by adding that omitted language regarding school units that
12 change their group accident and health insurance plan or provider
and resolves a conflict created by 2 public laws affecting the
14 same section of the law.