

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 116th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1993

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Legislative Document

No. 426

S.P. 135

In Senate, February 9, 1993

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

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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.

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

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Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §13451, sub-§3, as repealed and replaced by PL 1991, c. 447, §2, is amended to read:

3. Payment by State. The State through the Maine State Retirement System shall pay 25% 100% of the retired teacher members' share of this insurance.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1993-94	1994-95
<b>EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
<b>Teachers' Retirement</b>		
All Other	\$6,735,436	\$9,735,766
Provides funds to increase the State's contribution for retired teachers' health insurance to 100%, effective October 1, 1993.		

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

This bill provides for funds to increase the State's contribution for group accident, sickness or health insurance on behalf of eligible retired teachers. The State presently provides 100% payment of group accident and sickness or health insurance on behalf of state employees. This bill provides parity between retired teachers and retired state employees by increasing the percentage of state payment of health insurance for retired teachers to 100%.