

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 597

S.P. 232

In Senate, February 22, 1995

An Act to Increase Paid Health Insurance Benefits to Retired Teachers.

Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "May M. Ross".

MAY M. ROSS
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator ESTY of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senators: FAIRCLOTH of Penobscot, O'DEA of Penobscot, PARADIS of Aroostook, Representatives: CHASE of China, CLARK of Millinocket, CLOUTIER of South Portland, DESMOND of Mapleton, FISHER of Brewer, GREEN of Monmouth, HATCH of Skowhegan, LEMAIRE of Lewiston, McELROY of Unity, MORRISON of Bangor, STEVENS of Orono, TUFTS of Stockton Springs.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §13451, sub-§3,** as repealed and replaced by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

6 **3. Payment by State.** The State, through the Maine State
8 Retirement System, shall pay 25% 30% of the retired teacher
members' share of this insurance.

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

	1995-96	1996-97
14 EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF		
16 Teacher Retirement		

18 All Other	\$411,834	\$650,424
20 Provides funds to increase		
22 the state contribution for		
24 retired teacher health		
benefits to 30%.		

26 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

28 This bill provides funds to increase the State's
30 contribution for health insurance on behalf of eligible retired
32 teachers. The State presently provides 100% payment of health
34 insurance for retired state employees. This bill increases the
state payment to retired teachers by increasing the percentage of
state payment for health insurance for retired teachers to 30%.