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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 911, L.D. 2363, Bill, "An Act Regarding Length of Service for Retirement Benefits for State Police Officers"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act Regarding Length of Service, Retirement Age and Retirement Benefits for State Police Officers and Certain Other State Employees'**

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

**'Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §17001, sub-§23,** as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is amended to read:

**23. Normal retirement age.** "Normal retirement age" means the specified age, the years of service requirement or any combination of age and years of service requirements at which a member becomes eligible for retirement benefits and at which those benefits may not be reduced under section 17852, subsection 3; ~~section 17852, subsection 4, paragraph G~~; section 17852, subsection 10, paragraph C; and section 18452, subsection 3.

**Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §17159, sub-§1, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 1995, c. 541, §3, is amended to read:

A. "Early retirement" means retirement before normal retirement age with a reduced retirement benefit as provided by section 17852, subsection 3 or 3-A, ~~subsection 4, paragraph C or C-1~~ or subsection 10, paragraph C or C-1;

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2 section 17857, subsection 3-A; section 18452, subsection 3;  
or section 18462, subsection 3.

4 **Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §17851, sub-§4, ¶B**, as repealed and replaced by  
6 PL 1999, c. 127, Pt. B, §1, is repealed and the following enacted  
in its place:

8 B. Became a state police officer after September 15, 1984  
10 and completed 25 years of creditable service as a state  
police officer.

12 **Sec. 4. 5 MRSA §17851-A, sub-§1, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 1997, c.  
14 769, §11, is repealed.

16 **Sec. 5. 5 MRSA §17851-A, sub-§1, ¶¶J and K**, as enacted by PL  
1999, c. 493, §6, are amended to read:

18 J. Law enforcement officers in the employment of the Baxter  
20 State Park Authority on January 1, 2000 or hired thereafter;  
and

22 K. The State Fire Marshal or a state fire marshal  
24 investigator or state fire marshal inspector in the  
employment of the Department of Public Safety on January 1,  
26 2000 or hired thereafter;

28 **Sec. 6. 5 MRSA §17851-A, sub-§1, ¶¶L to N** are enacted to read:

30 L. Mental health workers in the employment of the  
32 Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and  
Substance Abuse Services on August 6, 2000 or hired  
thereafter who have direct care responsibilities for persons  
residing in institutions;

34 M. Oil and hazardous materials emergency response workers  
36 in the employment of the Division of Response Services,  
Department of Environmental Protection who participate in a  
38 standby rotation on August 6, 2000 or hired thereafter; and

40 N. Security officers in the employment of the Bureau of  
42 Capitol Security, Department of Public Safety on August 6,  
2000 or hired thereafter.

44 **Sec. 7. 5 MRSA §17851-A, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 1999, c.  
46 493, §7, is further amended to read:

48 **2. Qualification for benefits.** A member employed in any  
one or a combination of the capacities specified in subsection 1  
after June 30, 1998 for employees identified in subsection 1,

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2 paragraphs A to H and, after December 31, 1999 for employees  
identified in subsection 1, paragraphs I to K, and after August  
4 6, 2000 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs L to  
N qualifies for a service retirement benefit if that member  
either:

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8 A. Is at least 55 years of age and has completed at least  
10 10 years of creditable service under the 1998 Special Plan  
in any one or a combination of the capacities; or

12 B. Has completed at least 25 years of creditable service in  
14 any one or a combination of the capacities specified in  
16 subsection 1, whether or not the creditable service included  
in determining that the 25-year requirement has been met was  
earned under the 1998 Special Plan or prior to its  
establishment.

18 **Sec. 8. 5 MRSA §17851-A, sub-§3, ¶A**, as amended by PL 1999, c.  
20 493, §8, is further amended to read:

22 A. For the purpose of meeting the qualification requirement  
of subsection 2, paragraph A:

24 (1) Service credit purchased by repayment of an  
26 earlier refund of accumulated contributions following  
termination of service is included only to the extent  
28 that time to which the refund relates was served after  
June 30, 1998 for employees identified in subsection 1,  
30 paragraphs A to H and, after December 31, 1999 for  
employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs I to K  
32 and after August 5, 2000 for employees identified in  
paragraphs L to N, in any one or a combination of the  
capacities specified in subsection 1; and

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36 (2) Service credit purchased other than as provided  
under subparagraph (1), including but not limited to  
38 service credit for military service, is not included.

40 **Sec. 9. 5 MRSA §17851-A, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 1999, c.  
42 489, §14 and c. 493, §9, is repealed and the following enacted in  
its place:

44 **4. Computation of benefits.** The amount of the service  
retirement benefit for members qualified under subsection 2 must  
46 be computed as follows.

48 A. If all of the member's creditable service in any one or  
a combination of the capacities specified in subsection 1  
was earned after June 30, 1998 for employees identified in  
50 subsection 1, paragraphs A to H, after December 31, 1999 for

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2 employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs I to K and  
3 after August 5, 2000 for employees identified in subsection  
4 1, paragraphs L to N or if service credit was purchased by  
5 repayment of an earlier refund of accumulated contributions  
6 for service after June 30, 1998 for employees identified in  
7 subsection 1, paragraphs A to H, after December 31, 1999 for  
8 employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs I to K and  
9 after August 5, 2000 for employees identified in subsection  
10 1, paragraphs L to N, in any one or a combination of the  
11 capacities specified in subsection 1, or if service credit  
12 was purchased by other than the repayment of an earlier  
13 refund and eligibility to make the purchase of the service  
14 credit, including but not limited to service credit for  
15 military service, was achieved after June 30, 1998 for  
16 employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs A to H,  
17 after December 31, 1999 for employees identified in  
18 subsection 1, paragraphs I to K and after August 5, 2000 for  
19 employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs L to N, the  
20 benefit must be computed as provided in section 17852,  
21 subsection 1, paragraph A.

22 (1) If the member is qualified under subsection 2,  
23 paragraph B and had 10 years of creditable service on  
24 July 1, 1993, the benefit must be reduced as provided  
25 in section 17852, subsection 3, paragraphs A and B.

26 (2) If the member is qualified under subsection 2,  
27 paragraph B and had fewer than 10 years of creditable  
28 service on July 1, 1993, the benefit under subsection  
29 2, paragraph B must be reduced by 6% for each year that  
30 the member's age precedes 55 years of age.

31 B. Except as provided in paragraph D, if some part of the  
32 member's creditable service in any one or a combination of  
33 the capacities specified in subsection 1 was earned before  
34 July 1, 1998 for employees identified in subsection 1,  
35 paragraphs A to H, before January 1, 2000 for employees  
36 identified in subsection 1, paragraphs I to K and before  
37 August 6, 2000 for employees identified in subsection 1,  
38 paragraphs L to N and some part of the member's creditable  
39 service in any one or a combination of the capacities  
40 specified in subsection 1 was earned after June 30, 1998 for  
41 employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs A to H,  
42 after December 31, 1999 for employees identified in  
43 subsection 1, paragraphs I to K and after August 5, 2000 for  
44 employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs L to N then  
45 the member's service retirement benefit must be computed in  
46 segments and the amount of the member's service retirement  
47 benefit is the sum of the segments. The segments must be  
48 computed as follows:  
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2           (1) The segment or, if the member served in more than  
4           one of the capacities specified in subsection 1 and the  
6           benefits related to the capacities are not  
8           interchangeable under section 17856, segments that  
10           reflect creditable service earned before July 1, 1998  
12           for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs A  
14           to H, before January 1, 2000 for employees identified  
16           in subsection 1, paragraphs I to K and before August 6,  
18           2000 for employees identified in subsection 1,  
20           paragraphs L to N or purchased by repayment of an  
22           earlier refund of accumulated contributions for service  
24           before July 1, 1998, for employees identified in  
26           subsection 1, paragraphs A to H, before January 1, 2000  
28           for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs I  
30           to K and before August 6, 2000 for employees identified  
          in subsection 1, paragraphs L to N in a capacity or  
          capacities specified in subsection 1, or purchased by  
          other than the repayment of a refund and eligibility to  
          make the purchase of the service credit, including but  
          not limited to service credit for military service, was  
          achieved before July 1, 1998 for employees identified  
          in subsection 1, paragraphs A to H, before January 1,  
          2000 for employees identified in subsection 1,  
          paragraphs I to K and before August 6, 2000 for  
          employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs L to N  
          must be computed under section 17852, subsection 1,  
          paragraph A. If the member is qualified under  
          subsection 2, paragraph B and:

32                   (a) Had 10 years of creditable service on July 1,  
34                   1993, the amount of the segment or segments must  
                    be reduced as provided in section 17852,  
                    subsection 3, paragraphs A and B; or

36                   (b) Had fewer than 10 years of creditable service  
38                   on July 1, 1993, the amount of the segment or  
40                   segments must be reduced as provided in section  
                    17852, subsection 3-A; and

42           (2) The segment that reflects creditable service  
44           earned after June 30, 1998 for employees identified in  
46           subsection 1, paragraphs A to H, after December 31,  
48           1999 for employees identified in subsection 1,  
50           paragraphs I to K and after August 5, 2000 for  
          employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs L to N  
          purchased by repayment of an earlier refund of  
          accumulated contributions for service after June 30,  
          1998 for employees identified in subsection 1,  
          paragraphs A to H, after December 31, 1999 for

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2 employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs I to K  
3 and after August 5, 2000 for employees identified in  
4 subsection 1, paragraphs L to N in any one or a  
5 combination of the capacities specified in subsection  
6 1, or purchased by other than the repayment of a refund  
7 and eligibility to make the purchase of the service  
8 credit, including but not limited to service credit for  
9 military service, was achieved after June 30, 1998 for  
10 employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs A to  
11 H, after December 31, 1999 for employees identified in  
12 subsection 1, paragraphs I to K and after August 5,  
13 2000 for employees identified in subsection 1,  
14 paragraphs L to N must be computed under section 17852,  
15 subsection 1, paragraph A. If the member is qualified  
16 under subsection 2, paragraph B and:

17 (a) Had 10 years of creditable service on July 1,  
18 1993, the segment amount must be reduced in the  
19 manner provided in section 17852, subsection 3,  
20 paragraphs A and B for each year that the member's  
21 age precedes 55 years of age; or

22 (b) Had fewer than 10 years of creditable service  
23 on July 1, 1993, the segment amount must be  
24 reduced by 6% for each year that the member's age  
25 precedes 55 years of age.

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28 D. The service retirement benefit of a member who is a  
29 Maine State Prison employee to whom subsection 1, paragraph  
30 E applies, and who qualifies for service retirement benefits  
31 under subsection 2, paragraph B, must be computed under  
32 section 17852, subsection 1, paragraph A on the basis of all  
33 of the member's creditable service in the capacity specified  
34 in subsection 1, paragraph E regardless of whether the  
35 creditable service was earned before, on or after July 1,  
36 1998, except that:

37 (1) If the member had 10 years of service on July 1,  
38 1993, the benefit must be reduced as provided in  
39 section 17852, subsection 10, paragraph C,  
40 subparagraphs (1) and (2); or

41 (2) If the member had fewer than 10 years of  
42 creditable service on July 1, 1993, the benefit must be  
43 reduced as provided in section 17852, subsection 10,  
44 paragraph C-1.

45 **Sec. 10. 5 MRSA §17851-A, sub-§5, as amended by PL 1999, c.**  
46 **493, §9, is further amended to read:**

2           **5. Contributions.** Notwithstanding any other provision of  
3 subchapter III, after June 30, 1998, for employees identified in  
4 subsection 1, paragraphs A to H, and after December 31, 1999, for  
5 employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs I to K and after  
6 August 5, 2000 for employees identified in subsection 1,  
7 paragraphs L to N, a member in the capacities specified in  
8 subsection 1 must contribute to the retirement system or have  
9 pick-up contributions made at the rate of 8.65% of earnable  
10 compensation until the member has completed 25 years of  
11 creditable service as provided in this section and at the rate of  
12 7.65% thereafter.

13           **Sec. 11. 5 MRSA §17852, sub-§4, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 1985, c.  
14 801, §§5 and 7, is amended to read:

15           B. For persons qualifying under section 17851, subsection  
16 4, paragraph B, ~~and who retire upon or after reaching the~~  
17 ~~age of 55,~~ the retirement benefit shall must be computed in  
18 accordance with subsection 1.

19           **Sec. 12. 5 MRSA §17852, sub-§4, ¶C,** as amended by PL 1993, c.  
20 410, Pt. L, §38, is repealed.

21           **Sec. 13. 5 MRSA §17852, sub-§4, ¶C-1,** as repealed and replaced  
22 by PL 1993, c. 410, Pt. L, §39, is repealed.

23           **Sec. 14. 5 MRSA §17852, sub-§4, ¶C-2** as amended by PL 1995, c.  
24 367, §1, is repealed.

25           **Sec. 15. 5 MRSA §17857, sub-§3, ¶¶A, B and D,** as amended by PL  
26 1997, c. 769, §19, are further amended to read:

27           A. If the member transferred under the provisions of  
28 subsection 2, paragraph A:

29           (1) If applicable, the portion of the retirement  
30 benefit based upon creditable service earned before  
31 being transferred must be reduced in accordance with  
32 ~~section 17852, subsection 4, paragraph C or~~ section  
33 17852, subsection 10, paragraph C or, if the member was  
34 covered under section 17851-A, the portion of the  
35 retirement benefit based upon creditable service earned  
36 before being transferred must be reduced as provided in  
37 that section; and

38           (2) The portion of the retirement benefit based upon  
39 creditable service earned after being transferred must  
40 be reduced in accordance with section 17852, subsection  
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2 B. If the member was a retiree restored to service subject  
to subsection 2, paragraph B:

4 (1) If applicable, the portion of the retirement  
6 benefit based upon creditable service earned before the  
8 member's initial retirement must be reduced in  
10 accordance with ~~section 17852, subsection 4, paragraph~~  
12 ~~C or~~ section 17852, subsection 10, paragraph C or, if  
the member was covered under section 17851-A, the  
portion of the retirement benefit based upon creditable  
service earned before the member's initial retirement  
must be reduced as provided in that section; and

14 (2) The portion of the retirement benefit based upon  
16 creditable service earned after being restored to  
18 service must be reduced in accordance with section  
17852, subsection 3.

20 D. If the member was transferred subject to subsection 2,  
paragraph D, and:

22 (1) If the member completes the service or service and  
24 age requirements for retirement under the special plan  
that the member was under previously, if applicable,  
26 the retirement benefit must be reduced in accordance  
with ~~section 17852, subsection 4, paragraph C or~~  
28 section 17852, subsection 10, paragraph C or, if the  
member was covered under section 17851-A, the  
30 retirement benefit must be reduced as provided in that  
section; or

32 (2) If the member does not complete the service or  
34 service and age requirements for retirement under the  
special plan that the member was under previously, the  
36 retirement benefit must be reduced in accordance with  
section 17852, subsection 3.

38 **Sec. 16. 5 MRSA §17857, sub-§3-A, ¶¶A, B and D,** as amended by  
40 PL 1997, c. 769, §19, are further amended to read:

42 A. If the member transferred under the provisions of  
subsection 2, paragraph A:

44 (1) If applicable, the portion of the retirement  
46 benefit based upon creditable service earned before  
being transferred must be reduced in accordance with  
48 ~~section 17852, subsection 4, paragraph C-1 or~~ section  
17852, subsection 10, paragraph C-1 or, if the member  
was covered under section 17851-A, the portion of the  
50 retirement benefit based upon creditable service earned

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2 before being transferred must be reduced as provided in  
that section; and

4 (2) The portion of the retirement benefit based upon  
6 creditable service earned after being transferred must  
be reduced in accordance with section 17852, subsection  
3-A.

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10 B. If the member was a retiree restored to service subject  
to subsection 2, paragraph B:

12 (1) If applicable, the portion of the retirement  
14 benefit based upon creditable service earned before the  
member's initial retirement must be reduced in  
16 accordance with ~~section 17852, subsection 4, paragraph~~  
~~C-1 or~~ section 17852, subsection 10, paragraph C-1 or,  
18 if the member was covered under section 17851-A, the  
portion of the retirement benefit based upon creditable  
20 service earned before the member's initial retirement  
must be reduced as provided in that section; and

22 (2) The portion of the retirement benefit based upon  
24 creditable service earned after being restored to  
service must be reduced in accordance with section  
17852, subsection 3-A.

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28 D. If the member was transferred subject to subsection 2,  
paragraph D and:

30 (1) If the member completes the service or service and  
32 age requirements for retirement under the special plan  
that the member was under previously, if applicable,  
the retirement benefit must be reduced in accordance  
34 with ~~section 17852, subsection 4, paragraph C-1 or~~  
section 17852, subsection 10, paragraph C-1 or, if the  
36 member was covered under section 17851-A, the  
retirement benefit must be reduced as provided in that  
38 section; or

40 (2) If the member does not complete the service or  
42 service and age requirements for retirement under the  
special plan that the member was under previously, the  
44 retirement benefit must be reduced in accordance with  
section 17852, subsection 3-A.

46 **Sec. 17. Effect on state police officers who previously elected to**  
48 **self-fund an early retirement option.** The Maine State Retirement  
System shall refund the additional amount paid above the normal  
50 contribution rate plus interest on that amount from the date of  
payment to a person who is employed as a state police

2 officer on the effective date of this Act and who elected to pay  
the full actuarial costs of retirement before age 55 under the  
4 Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 17852, subsection 4,  
paragraph C-2 before it was repealed by this Act by paying an  
6 increased employee contribution to the Maine State Retirement  
System. The employee contribution rate from the effective date  
8 of this Act for a member who previously made the election under  
Title 5, section 17852, subsection 4, paragraph C-2 is as  
provided in Title 5, section 17708-B.

10 **Sec. 18. Expenditures in excess of allocations.** Expenditures of  
12 funds required by this Act other than the General Fund and the  
Highway Fund are authorized to exceed legislative allocations  
14 during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001. Appropriate  
adjustments to basic work programs facilitating these  
16 expenditures in excess of allocations must be recommended by the  
State Budget Officer and approved by the Governor.

18 **Sec. 19. Adjustment of rates.** After consultation with the  
20 Maine State Retirement System, the State Budget Officer shall  
adjust the normal cost component of the employer contribution  
22 rates on the effective date of this Act to fully fund this Act on  
an actuarially sound basis. In addition, the State Budget  
24 Officer shall assess the accounts in other funds for their share  
of the unfunded liability costs based on total salaries in those  
26 accounts in fiscal year 2000-01.

28 **Sec. 20. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated  
30 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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32 **MAINE STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

34 **Retirement Allowance Fund**

36 All Other \$872,708

38 Provides funds for the unfunded liability  
40 costs related to removing State Police  
Officers hired after September 15, 1984 from  
42 the 1998 Special Retirement Plan.

44 **MAINE STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM**  
46 **TOTAL**

\$872,708

48 **ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES,**  
**DEPARTMENT OF**





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2 Removing State Police Officers hired after 9/15/84 from the  
3 1998 Special Retirement Plan will increase the unfunded liability  
4 of the Maine State Retirement System by \$2,727,214. Since the  
5 Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 18-A, prohibits the  
6 creation of unfunded liabilities except those that result from  
7 experience losses, this bill includes a one-time General Fund  
8 appropriation of \$872,708 and a Highway Fund allocation of  
9 \$1,445,424 to the Maine State Retirement System in fiscal year  
10 2000-01. The cost to accounts in other funds, estimated to be  
11 \$409,082, may require increased allotments to meet these  
12 additional personal services expenditures.

13 Removing these State Police Officers from the 1998 Special  
14 Retirement Plan will also increase the normal cost component of  
15 the employer retirement rate from the 1998 special plan rate of  
16 6.89% to the new plan normal cost rate of 9.15%. This 2.26%  
17 increase will result in increased employer contributions to the  
18 Maine State Retirement System for state police officers estimated  
19 to be \$145,450 in fiscal year 2000-01. A General Fund  
20 appropriation of \$46,544 and a Highway Fund allocation of \$77,089  
21 in fiscal year 2000-01 are included to provide funds in the  
22 salary plan account to be held in reserve in the event that the  
23 increase in the employer retirement contribution rates exceed the  
24 allotments in General Fund and Highway Fund accounts during  
25 fiscal year 2000-01. The cost to accounts in other funds,  
26 estimated to be \$21,817 in fiscal year 2000-01, may require  
27 increased allotments to meet these additional personal services  
28 expenditures.

29 This bill also allows other law enforcement and certain  
30 state employees to be covered under the provisions of the 1998  
31 Special Retirement Plan effective August 6, 2000. Since this  
32 change is being made on a prospective basis, it will not increase  
33 the unfunded liability of the Maine State Retirement System and,  
34 as such, will not violate the Constitution of Maine, Article IX,  
35 Section 18-A, which prohibits the creation of unfunded  
36 liabilities except those that result from experience losses.  
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38 The placement of these employee groups, which are currently  
39 in the State regular retirement plan, into the 1998 Special  
40 Retirement Plan, will increase the normal cost component of the  
41 employer contribution rate for these groups from the regular plan  
42 normal cost rate of 6.04% to the 1998 special plan normal cost  
43 rate of 6.89%. This 0.85% increase is applied to the salaries of  
44 certain identified positions within the Department of  
45 Environmental Protection, the Bureau of Capitol Security within  
46 the Department of Public Safety and to certain mental health  
47 workers within the Department of Mental Health, Mental  
48 Retardation and Substance Abuse Services. This will increase  
49 employer contributions to the Maine State Retirement System by  
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2 these departments by an amount estimated to be \$56,223 in fiscal  
3 year 2000-01. A General Fund appropriation of \$6,185 in fiscal  
4 year 2000-01 is included to provide funds in the salary plan  
5 account to be held in reserve in the event that the increase in  
6 the employer retirement contribution rates exceed the allotments  
7 in General Fund accounts during that fiscal year. The cost to  
8 accounts in other funds, estimated to be \$50,038 in fiscal year  
9 2000-01, may require increased allotments to meet these  
10 additional personal services expenditures.

11 The additional costs associated with processing membership  
12 changes related to the 1998 Special Retirement Plan will be  
13 absorbed by the Maine State Retirement System utilizing existing  
14 budgeted resources.'

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17 **SUMMARY**

18 This amendment is the majority report of the committee,  
19 which is Report A. The amendment makes several technical  
20 amendments to the bill to fully implement its intent to remove  
21 state police officers from the 1998 special retirement plan and  
22 establish a 25-years-of-service and no-age-requirement retirement  
23 plan for state police officers. The new early retirement plan  
24 for state police officers is retroactive to date of hire for  
25 current officers. The amendment clarifies that state police  
26 officers who elected an option available under prior law to pay  
27 increased contributions to purchase an early retirement plan  
28 similar to that being established by the bill would have their  
29 excess contributions refunded with interest.

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31 The amendment also adds direct care mental health workers in  
32 the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance  
33 Abuse Services, certain hazardous material responders in the  
34 Department of Environmental Protection and Capitol Security  
35 officers to the 1998 Special Retirement Plan. Under that existing  
36 plan a member qualifies for a service retirement benefit if that  
37 worker is at least 55 years of age and has completed at least 10  
38 years of creditable service in a covered capacity. A reduced  
39 retirement benefit is available before age 55 if the member has  
40 completed at least 25 years of creditable service.

41 The amendment also adds an appropriation section, an  
42 allocation section and a fiscal note to the bill.  
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