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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 963, L.D. 1276, Bill, "An Act to Allow County Corrections Personnel to Participate in the Same Retirement Plan as Other Corrections Personnel"

Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause and before section 1 the following:

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §18453, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1993, c. 387, Pt. A, §21, is further amended to read:

2. Employee Special Plan #2. A retirement benefit to police officers, firefighters, sheriffs and, full-time deputy sheriffs, county corrections employees or any other participating local district employees who have completed 20 to 25 years of creditable service, the number of years to be selected by the participating local district. For the purposes of this subsection, "county corrections employees" means employees of the county who are employed at a county jail and whose duties include contact with prisoners or juvenile detainees. The benefits shall must be computed as follows:

A. Except as provided in paragraph B, 1/2 of his the member's average final compensation; or

B. If the member's benefit would be greater, the part of the service retirement benefit based upon membership service before July 1, 1977, is determined, on a pro rata basis, on the member's current annual salary on the date of retirement

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2 or current final compensation, whichever is greater, and the
part of the service retirement benefit based upon membership
4 service after June 30, 1977, is determined in accordance
with paragraph A.

6 **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §18453, sub-§8,** as amended by PL 1993, c. 387,
Pt. A, §25, is further amended to read:

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10 **8. Police Officer and County Corrections Employee Special**
Plan #3. A retirement benefit equal to 2/3 of average final
12 compensation to a police officer, including the chief of a police
department, or county corrections employee who has completed 20
14 to 25 years of creditable service in that capacity, the number of
years to be selected by the participating local district and who
16 retires at any age. For the purposes of this subsection, "county
corrections employee" means an employee of a county who is
employed at a county jail and whose duties include contact with
18 prisoners or juvenile detainees. The benefits shall must be
computed as follows:

20 A. Except as provided under paragraph B, 2/3 of his the
22 member's average final compensation; or

24 B. If the member's benefit would be greater, the part of
the service retirement benefit based upon membership service
26 before July 1, 1977, is determined, on a pro rata basis, on
the member's current final compensation and the part of the
28 service retirement benefit based upon membership service
after June 30, 1977, is determined in accordance with
30 paragraph A.'

32 Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and
inserting in its place the following:

34 **'Sec. 2. Report to the Legislature.** The Board of Trustees of the
36 Maine State Retirement System shall include in its report to the
Joint Standing Committee on Labor in year 2001 under the Maine
38 Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 17103, subsection 11 an update
on the actions of the board and the Participating Local District
40 Advisory Committee to make available a special retirement plan
for county correctional employees like that available to sheriffs
42 and deputy sheriffs.'

44 Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any
nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
46 consecutively.

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SUMMARY

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This amendment makes corrections to the bill to provide an option to county governments to provide retirement benefits for county correctional employees identical to the retirement benefits available to county sheriffs and deputies.