

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1629

S.P. 510

In Senate, March 13, 2001

An Act to Increase the State Share of Health Insurance for Certain Retired Teachers.

Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President MICHAUD of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Speaker SAXL of Portland and
Senators: CATHCART of Penobscot, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, SMALL of Sagadahoc,
Representatives: BELANGER of Caribou, BERRY of Livermore, JONES of Greenville,
RICHARD of Madison, WINSOR of Norway.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §13451, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1997, c.**
5 **643, Pt. OO, §1 and affected by §3, is repealed and the following**
6 **enacted in its place:**

7 **3. Payment by State. The State shall pay a portion of**
8 **retired teacher members' share of this insurance as follows:**

9 **A. For retired teacher members with a household income less**
10 **than 60% of the federal poverty level, 50%;**

11 **B. For retired teacher members with a household income less**
12 **than 120% of the federal poverty level, 45%;**

13 **C. For retired teacher members with a household income less**
14 **than 180% of the federal poverty level, 40%; and**

15 **D. For retired teacher members with a household income**
16 **equal to or greater than 180% of the federal poverty level,**
17 **35%.**

18 **For purposes of this subsection, "federal poverty level" means**
19 **the nonfarm income official poverty line for a family of the size**
20 **involved, as defined by the federal Office of Management and**
21 **Budget and revised annually in accordance with the United States**
22 **Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981, Section 673,**
23 **subsection 2.**

24 **Sec. 2. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 1, 2002.**

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27 **SUMMARY**

28 **This bill increases the amount of the portion of retired**
29 **teachers' health insurance paid by the State from the current**
30 **amount of 30% to an amount up to 50%, based on the household**
31 **income of the retired teacher.**