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House of Representatives, February 20, 2003

An Act To Provide Health Insurance Contributions to All Retired Teachers

Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative O'BRIEN of Augusta.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CHURCHILL of Orland, CUMMINGS of Portland, Senator:
CARPENTER of York.

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRS §13452 is enacted to read:

§13452. Accident and sickness or health insurance for
retired teachers not eligible for group plan
under section 13451

1. Reimbursement for health insurance. The State shall reimburse a portion of the accident and sickness or health insurance premiums for a retired teacher as defined in Title 5, section 17001, subsection 42 who is not eligible for a group plan under section 13451.

2. Eligibility. Any retired teacher who receives a retirement benefit from the Maine State Retirement System and who is not covered by the group plan under section 13451 is eligible to receive reimbursement pursuant to subsection 3 for a portion of that teacher's accident and sickness or health insurance premium. A retired teacher must submit to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services proof of insurance and proof of payment to be eligible for reimbursement.

3. Payment by State. The State shall reimburse on a monthly basis the retired teacher for that teacher's accident and sickness or health insurance cost at a percent equal to the percent paid by the State pursuant to section 13451, subsection 3, but the total dollar amount may not exceed the maximum dollar amount paid for a person under a group plan in section 13451.

4. Administration. The Department of Administrative and Financial Services shall adopt rules governing the reimbursement of accident and sickness or health insurance premiums under this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the State to reimburse the accident and sickness or health insurance coverage costs of retired teachers who are not eligible to participate in the group accident and sickness or health insurance plan for retired teachers at the same rate as the State contributes to accident and sickness or health insurance coverage of retired teachers under the group plan.