

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 748

S.P. 246

In Senate, February 10, 2005

**An Act Requiring Equal Retirement Benefits for Corrections  
Officers and Mental Health Workers with 25 Years of State Service**

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Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GAGNON of Kennebec.  
Cosponsored by Representative DUPLESSIE of Westbrook and  
Senators: President EDMONDS of Cumberland, STRIMLING of Cumberland, Representative:  
CUMMINGS of Portland.

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

4 **CONCEPT DRAFT**  
6 **SUMMARY**

8 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

10 This concept draft proposes to create parity between  
12 retirement benefits for corrections officers and mental health  
14 workers by adding direct-care mental health workers in the  
Department of Health and Human Services to the 1998 Special  
Plan. Under that plan, a worker qualifies for service retirement  
benefits if that worker either:

16 1. Is 55 years of age with 10 years of creditable service  
18 in a covered capacity; or

20 2. Has 25 years of creditable service.

22 In the latter case, the worker is eligible for a reduced  
benefit.