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6 **STATE OF MAINE**
7 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**
8 **122ND LEGISLATURE**
9 **SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

9 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT 'A' to H.P. 1484, L.D. 2092, Bill, "An Act To
10 Allow a Second Opportunity To Elect Coverage under the State Group Health Plan"

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

12 **'An Act To Allow a Second Opportunity for Retired Teachers To Elect To**
13 **Rejoin the Teacher Group Accident and Sickness and Health Insurance Plan'**

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

16 **'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §13451, sub-§2-C,** as enacted by PL 1997, c. 652, §3 and
17 affected by §4, is amended to read:

18 **2-C. Eligibility; teachers who retire following break in employment.** A teacher
19 who retires but who is not in service immediately prior to retirement and who has at least
20 25 years of creditable service under Title 5, chapter 423, subchapter ~~IV~~ 4 may make a
21 one-time election at retirement to rejoin the teacher group plan. If previous service
22 terminated due to the elimination of the teacher's position as a result of closure of the
23 school where the teacher was employed, the teacher may make one additional election to
24 rejoin the plan, which election may be exercised at any time after retirement. Coverage
25 of preexisting conditions upon rejoining the plan under this subsection is governed by
26 Title 24-A, chapter 36. The payment provisions of subsection 3 apply to retirees
27 exercising ~~the~~ an option under this subsection.'

28 **SUMMARY**

29 The amendment moves the bill language to the statutory chapter that governs retired
30 teachers' health insurance and clarifies that the 2nd election opportunity is provided only
31 to teachers.

32 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**
33 (See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 2092

LR 3148(02)

An Act to Allow a Second Opportunity To Elect Coverage under the State Group Health Plan

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Labor

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Undetermined current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Allowing a teacher who has at least 25 years of creditable service but had their employment terminated prior to retirement because their position as a teacher at a school was eliminated due to that school being closed to have a second opportunity to rejoin the teacher group health plan after retirement will result in increased General Fund costs to the State. The amount can not be determined at this time and will depend on the number of teachers that choose to join the group plan as well as the health plan selected. Assuming a 7% increase over July 1, 2005 premiums, the total cost per individual in fiscal year 2006-07 could range between \$4,000 and \$6,500 per year depending on the plan selected. The General Fund cost to fund the State's share of 45% is estimated to be between \$1,800 and \$2,900 in fiscal year 2006-07.