

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 20, 2007

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**An Act To Allow Certain Special Education Teachers To Acquire  
Time from the Maine State Retirement System**

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Received by the Clerk of the House on February 16, 2007. Referred to the Committee on Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative DRISCOLL of Westbrook.  
Cosponsored by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland and  
Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, JACKSON of Allagash,  
PEOPLES of Westbrook, PINGREE of North Haven, TUTTLE of Sanford.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §17752, sub-§1, ¶C** is enacted to read:

3 C. If a member can provide the board with satisfactory evidence that the member  
4 performed any work as a teacher of a child with a disability, as defined in Title 20-A,  
5 section 7001, subsection 1-B, before July 1, 1976, in a private or parochial school or  
6 other school that is not part of a public school system, the member must be granted  
7 one year of service credit for each year in which any work was performed. Prior  
8 service credit for this work must be calculated on the basis of school years.

9 **SUMMARY**

10 This bill allows teachers to obtain service credit in the Maine State Retirement  
11 System for years in which they taught children with disabilities in private schools before  
12 such children were provided access to the public school system.