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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
126TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 412,
L.D. 1175, Bill, "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Retirement Benefits for Capitol
Police Officers"

Amend the amendment by striking out everything after the title and before the
summary and inserting the following:

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

**'An Act To Review the Laws Governing Retirement Benefits for Certain State
Employees'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the
summary and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. Production of analysis. By January 2, 2015, the Executive Director of
the Maine Public Employees Retirement System, referred to in this Act as "the executive
director," shall:

1. Determine the number of active members of the Maine Public Employees
Retirement System who, after having earned creditable service in the regular retirement
program of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System in a capacity included in the
Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 17851-A, subsection 1, have earned creditable
service under the 1998 Special Plan;

2. Identify changes to the current law governing qualification for retirement benefits
under the Maine Public Employees Retirement System that are needed to allow all the
creditable service benefits of an active member identified pursuant to subsection 1 earned
in a capacity included in Title 5, section 17851-A, subsection 1 to be calculated as if
earned under the 1998 Special Plan, regardless of when the creditable service was earned;
and

3. Determine the cost to the State of implementing the changes identified in
subsection 2.

Sec. 2. Report. The executive director shall report the results of the analysis,
including any necessary implementing legislation, to the joint standing committee of the
Legislature having jurisdiction over retirement matters by January 15, 2015. The joint

1 standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over retirement matters may
2 submit a bill related to the report to the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.''

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This amendment strikes the provisions of the bill and the provisions of Committee
5 Amendment "A" that provide that service retirement benefits for a Capitol Police officer
6 in the employment of the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Capitol Police on the
7 effective date of the legislation must be computed on the basis of all of the member's
8 creditable service, regardless of when that service was earned.

9 This amendment retains the provisions of Committee Amendment "A" that direct the
10 Executive Director of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to determine the
11 number of active members who have earned creditable service in the 1998 Special Plan
12 after having earned creditable service in the regular plan in a capacity set forth in the
13 Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 17851-A, subsection 1; identify the required
14 changes to the laws governing retirement benefits to allow service benefits for a current
15 member of the 1998 Special Plan to be computed on the basis of all the member's
16 creditable service in a capacity set forth in Title 5, section 17851-A, subsection 1,
17 regardless of when that service was earned; and calculate the cost to the State of
18 implementing such a change. The executive director is required to report the results of
19 the analysis to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over
20 retirement matters.

21 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

22 (See attached)

23 SPONSORED BY: 

24 (Senator HILL)

25 COUNTY: York



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LD 1175

LR 902(05)

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Retirement Benefits for Capitol Police Officers

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment 'A' to Committee Amendment "A"

Sponsor: Sen. Hill of York

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	(\$63,847)	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	(\$63,847)	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment eliminates the one-time General Fund appropriation of \$63,847 to the Retirement Allowance fund within the Maine Public Employees Retirement System in fiscal year 2014-15 for the cost associated with allowing the service retirement benefits of one Capitol Police officer earned under the regular state employee and teacher plan to be calculated under the 1998 Special Plan.