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Majority

APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

128TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 346, L.D. 1044, Bill, "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Eligibility for Disability Retirement Benefits"

Amend the bill in section 1 in paragraph A in the 3rd line from the end (page 1, line 12 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "service as determined by" and inserting the following: 'the time between the employee's last date of work and the date of

Amend the bill in section 1 in paragraph A in the last line (page 1, line 14 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "\$100,000." the following: 'Unless otherwise provided by the final judgment of a court or in a settlement agreement, "service" under this paragraph terminates on the date of the judgment or settlement agreement.'

SUMMARY

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. The amendment clarifies that the period of service for a person who might be eligible for disability retirement benefits under the bill's provision ends as of the date of any settlement agreement pursuant to a claim brought under the State's Whistleblowers' Protection Act.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1044

LR 903(02)

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Eligibility for Disability Retirement Benefits

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-89)
Committee: Appropriations and Financial Affairs
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential future biennium cost increase - All Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Allowing former employees covered by either the State Employees and Teachers Retirement program or the Participating Local Districts program that are currently not eligible for disability retirement benefits under the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to be eligible if very specific criteria are met may result in increased plan costs in the future as a result of higher disability benefits being paid. The actual cost can not be determined at this time and will depend on the actual individuals who may become eligible for benefits in the future because of this legislation.