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128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION-2018

Legislative Document

No. 1907

H.P. 1346

House of Representatives, April 13, 2018

**Resolve, To Continue a Review of the State Employee and Teacher
Retirement Plan**

(EMERGENCY)

Reported by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook for the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs pursuant to Joint Rule 353.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R(t) B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

1 **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

3 **Whereas,** this resolve continues a working group to evaluate and design retirement
4 plan options for all state employees and teachers; and

5 **Whereas,** the working group has already been convened pursuant to Resolve 2017,
6 chapter 14; and

7 **Whereas,** an interruption in the activities of the working group would be to the
8 detriment of the goals and timelines established for the working group; and

9 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within
10 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as
11 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
12 therefore, be it

13 **Sec. 1. Resolve 2017, c. 14, §2, amended. Resolved:** That Resolve 2017, c. 14,
14 §2 is amended to read:

15 **Sec. 2. Preliminary report. Resolved:** That no later than January 1, 2018, the
16 Maine Public Employees Retirement System shall submit to the Legislature ~~the a~~
17 preliminary report of the working group established in section 1 on the retirement plan
18 option or options that the working group recommends for consideration by the
19 Legislature, including any necessary implementing legislation that, notwithstanding Joint
20 Rule 353, is authorized for introduction to the Second Regular Session of the 128th
21 Legislature; and be it further

22 ; and be it further

23 **Sec. 2. Resolve 2017, c. 14, §3, enacted. Resolved:** That Resolve 2017, c. 14,
24 §3 is enacted to read:

25 **Sec. 3. Final report. Resolved:** That no later than December 1, 2019, the Maine
26 Public Employees Retirement System shall submit to the joint standing committee of the
27 Legislature having jurisdiction over retirement matters the final report of the working
28 group established in section 1 on the retirement plan option or options that the working
29 group recommends, including proposed legislation. The joint standing committee is
30 authorized to introduce legislation in the 129th Legislature on matters related to the
31 report.

32 ; and be it further

33 **Sec. 3. Retroactivity. Resolved:** That this resolve applies retroactively to
34 January 1, 2018.

35 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this
36 legislation takes effect when approved.

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SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Maine Public Employees Retirement System and the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, within their existing resources, to continue the working group to evaluate and design retirement plan options for all state employees and teachers. The Maine Public Employees Retirement System is directed to submit the final recommendation of the working group, including any necessary implementing legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over retirement matters by December 1, 2019.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



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Fiscal Note for Original Bill
Committee: Appropriations and Financial Affairs
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund
Minor cost increase - Other funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System (MainePERS) to continue the review of the State Employee and Teacher Retirement Plan, including staffing the existing working group and preparing the required report, can be absorbed within its existing budgeted resources. The additional costs to continue serving as a member of the working group can be absorbed by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.