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House of Representatives, February 26, 2019

An Act To Include State Employee Stipends as Earnable Compensation

Reference to the Committee on Labor and Housing suggested and ordered printed.

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook.
Cosponsored by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec and
Representatives: CARNEY of Cape Elizabeth, SYLVESTER of Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §17001, sub-§13, ¶A**, as amended by PL 1989, c. 800, is further
3 amended to read:

4 A. "Earnable compensation" includes:

5 (1) Workers' compensation benefits;

6 (2) Maintenance, if any;

7 (3) Any money paid by an employer to a 3rd party under a tax sheltered annuity
8 contract or a deferred compensation plan for the future benefit of an employee
9 ~~provided that~~ as long as the money is not derived from amounts excluded from
10 earnable compensation by paragraph B; ~~and~~

11 (4) Pick-up contributions; ~~and~~

12 (5) Stipends received as part of the member's compensation for services rendered
13 in an employment position.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill requires that stipends paid to a member of the Maine Public Employees
16 Retirement System be counted as earnable compensation for purposes of calculating
17 retirement benefits.