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Resolve, To Develop a Plan for Teachers To Collect Social Security

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Presented by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford.

Sec. 1. Develop plan for teachers to collect social security. Resolved: That the Maine Public Employees Retirement System shall examine options and make recommendations for a plan to allow teachers in the State to contribute, accumulate credit and collect benefits under the United States Social Security Act in addition to collecting benefits under the Maine Public Employees Retirement System. In examining options, the Maine Public Employees Retirement System shall consider and outline the process for an amendment to the State's so-called Section 218 Agreement with the United States Social Security Administration and any other available avenues to allow teachers to collect social security. In conducting its work under this section, the Maine Public Employees Retirement System shall consult, as needed, with experts in public retirement and social security issues. In making recommendations, the Maine Public Employees Retirement System shall develop implementation timelines and outline statutory and other changes necessary to implement the plan. For the purposes of this section, "teacher" has the same meaning as in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 17001, subsection 42.

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That no later than December 1, 2022, the Maine Public Employees Retirement System shall submit to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing a report, including its findings and recommendations as required under section 1, for a plan to allow teachers to collect social security in addition to collecting benefits under the Maine Public Employees Retirement System. Following receipt and review of the report, the committee is authorized to submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

22 SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to examine options and make recommendations for a plan to allow teachers in the State to contribute, accumulate credit and collect benefits under the United States Social Security Act in addition to collecting benefits under the Maine Public Employees Retirement System. It requires the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to submit a report on its findings and recommendations, together with any proposed implementing legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing by December 1, 2022 and authorizes the committee to submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature after reviewing the report.