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House of Representatives, January 9, 2023

An Act to Increase the State's Share of Retired Teacher Health Insurance

(EMERGENCY)

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative DODGE of Belfast.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, CRAFTS of Newcastle, HEPLER of Woolwich, LaROCHELLE of Augusta, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, PLUECKER of Warren, SALISBURY of Westbrook, Senator: RAFFERTY of York.

1 2	Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
3 4 5	Whereas, this legislation needs to take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period in order to provide an increase in the State's share of the cost of health insurance for retired teachers at the beginning of the next fiscal year; and
6 7 8 9	Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,
10	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
11 12	Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §13451, sub-§3, ¶D, as amended by PL 2021, c. 483, Pt. NN, §1, is further amended to read:
13	D. Forty-five percent from January 1, 2006 to June 30, 2021; and
14 15	Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §13451, sub-§3, ¶E, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 483, Pt. NN, §1, is amended to read:
16	E. Fifty-five percent after June 30 from July 1, 2021- to June 30, 2023;
17	Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §13451, sub-§3, ¶F is enacted to read:
18	F. Sixty percent from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024; and
19	Sec. 4. 20-A MRSA §13451, sub-§3, ¶G is enacted to read:
20	G. Sixty-five percent after June 30, 2024.
21 22	Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.
23	SUMMARY
24 25 26	This bill requires the State to pay 60% of a retired teacher's share of the premium for group accident and sickness or health insurance from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 and 65% after June 30, 2024.