

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE
AS PASSED BY THE

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CHAPTER 73

S. P. 385 — L. D. 1143

AN ACT to Provide Cost-of-living Adjustments to Retired State Employees, Teachers and Beneficiaries.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, annual cost-of-living benefits for retirees in the Maine State Retirement System have been limited to 4%; and

Whereas, this 4% increase is clearly insufficient at a time of double-digit inflation; and

Whereas, an increase must be approved now, in order to be included in September, when the percentage increase in the annual retirement allowance takes effect; and

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,

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

Sec. 1. Annual retirement allowance. Notwithstanding the Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1128, subsection 1, in September, 1981, the annual adjustment in the retirement allowances shall be increased by an additional one-time 2% above the regular percentage increase or decrease. This one-time 2% increase shall be added to the retirement allowance for purposes of any adjustments payable on or after September, 1982.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1981-82	1982-83
MAINE STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM		
State Employees Retirement		
Unallocated	\$258,254	\$309,917
Teachers' Retirement		
Unallocated	755,036	906,079
TOTAL	\$1,013,290	\$1,215,996

Sec. 3. Allocation from Highway Fund. The following funds are allocated from the Highway Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1981-82	1982-83
MAINE STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM		
Unallocated	\$131,017	\$157,227

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect on July 1, 1981.

Effective July 1, 1981

CHAPTER 74

H. P. 918 — L. D. 1089

AN ACT Covering Cost-of-Living Increases for Teachers.

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

Sec. 1. P&SL 1973, c. 224, § 3 is repealed.

Sec. 2. P&SL 1973, c. 224, § 4 is enacted to read:

Sec. 4. Cost-of-living adjustments. Beginning in 1981, adjustments in the retirement benefits for certain teachers provided herein shall be made annually in accordance with the Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1128, except that in the year 1981, such increase or decrease shall be in November. This section applies to those teachers named in the private and special laws of 1971, chapter 144 and the private and special laws of 1973, chapter 140.

Sec. 3. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1981-82	1982-83
EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
Teachers' Retirement		
All Other	\$ 2,745	\$ 2,745

Effective September 18, 1981