

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

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SECOND REGULAR SESSION
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OCTOBER 28, 2005

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NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS
AUGUST 23, 2006

PUBLISHED BY THE REVISOR OF STATUTES
IN ACCORDANCE WITH MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,
TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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Lewiston, Maine
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administer this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

8. Repeal. This section is repealed January 31, 2009.

Sec. 5. Staggered terms. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 9203, subsection 2, for the initial appointments to the ConnectME Authority, the Governor shall appoint one member for a one-year term, one member for a 2-year term and one member for a 3-year term.

Sec. 6. Temporary transfer of funds authorized. For purposes of funding activities of the ConnectME Authority under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, chapter 93, the Public Utilities Commission may, upon request of the authority, transfer to the ConnectME Fund, established pursuant to Title 35-A, section 9211, up to \$500,000 of previously collected but unallocated funds held by the commission in the universal service fund pursuant to Title 35-A, section 7104. The authority may not request and the commission may not undertake any transfer of funds to the ConnectME Fund under this section until the authority receives authorization pursuant to Title 5, section 8072 to finally adopt major substantive rules under Title 35-A, section 9205, subsection 3 or until after January 15, 2007, whichever is later. Once the authority has collected \$500,000 in the ConnectME Fund through assessments collected pursuant to Title 35-A, section 9211, the authority shall transfer to the universal service fund an amount equal to the amount transferred from the universal service fund to the authority under this section. Upon receipt of the transfer into the universal service fund, the commission shall ensure the return of the funds to ratepayers by amending the quarterly assessments made pursuant to Title 35-A, section 7104.

Sec. 7. Submission of plan; authority to report out legislation. No later than January 31, 2008, the ConnectMe Authority, established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 9203, shall submit to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities matters a plan, together with necessary implementing legislation, providing for the winding up of the authority's affairs, the disposition of assets and other matters pertaining to the affairs of the authority. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities matters shall report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature providing for the winding up of the authority's affairs or the repeal of Title 35-A, section 9215.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 666

H.P. 1484 - L.D. 2092

An Act To Allow a Second Opportunity for Retired Teachers To Elect To Rejoin the Teacher Group Accident and Sickness and Health Insurance Plan

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §13451, sub-§2-C, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 652, §3 and affected by §4, is amended to read:

2-C. Eligibility; teachers who retire following break in employment. A teacher who retires but who is not in service immediately prior to retirement and who has at least 25 years of creditable service under Title 5, chapter 423, subchapter ~~4~~ 4 may make a one-time election at retirement to rejoin the teacher group plan. If previous service terminated due to the elimination of the teacher's position as a result of closure of a school in School Administrative District Number 10 where the teacher was employed, the teacher may make one additional election to rejoin the plan, which election may be exercised at any time after retirement. Coverage of preexisting conditions upon rejoining the plan under this subsection is governed by Title 24-A, chapter 36. The payment provisions of subsection 3 apply to retirees exercising ~~the~~ an option under this subsection.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF
Retired Teachers' Health Insurance**

Initiative: Provides funds for the State's share of the cost of health insurance premiums for 2 former employees of School Administrative District No. 10 that have been identified as being eligible to have a 2nd opportunity to rejoin the teacher group health plan after retirement.

GENERAL FUND	2005-06	2006-07
All Other	\$0	\$4,373
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$4,373

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