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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
AUGUST 1989

This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number for each committee.

All Adopted Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action is listed to the right of the title. If final House and Senate action differ, both are listed. Committee Reports and Floor Action are abbreviated as follows:

OTP	Ought to Pass
OTP-ND	Ought to Pass in New Draft
OTP-ND-NT	Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
OTP-A	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

Each individual summary was prepared by the analyst assigned, as noted for each committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including Research Assistant Barbara McGinn, and secretaries: Charlene Brann, and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

Please give us your suggestions and comments on these summaries and tell us of any inaccuracies.

Committee Amendment "A" makes a technical correction and adds a fiscal note which states that any court costs involved can be absorbed by the Judicial Department.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" replaces the word "partition" by the words 'set aside or divide'.

LD 459 **An Act to Allow Teachers to Obtain Retirement Benefits at 55** **LV/WD**
Years of Age if They Have 30 Years of Service

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
PARADIS J ERWIN E RICHARD STEVENSON	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

Currently, members of the Maine State Retirement System may qualify for retirement benefits upon reaching 60 years of age or upon completion of 25 years of service. However, those who retire after 25 years of service before reaching 60 years of age have their retirement benefit reduced by the percentage that a life annuity due at 60 years of age bears to the life annuity due at the age at which the person actually retires. This bill allows teachers to qualify for full retirement benefits at 55 years of age if they have completed 30 years of service.

LD 480 **An Act to Allow Certain Former State Employees to be** **LV/WD**
Eligible for State Health Insurance

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
CAHILL P STEVENSON HICKEY	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

Currently, persons who leave State employment prior to retirement but with at least 10 years of service are eligible for retirement benefits at age 60 but are not eligible for continuance of state health insurance, as are persons who retire directly from state service regardless of the length of their

service. This bill makes eligible for state insurance upon their ultimate retirement persons who left state employment with at least 15 years service, provided that they were enrolled in the state insurance plan at the time of leaving.

LD 482 An Act Relating to Benefits for Members of the Maine State Retirement System Who Transfer from Positions Under Special Plans to Positions Not Under Special Plans

PUBLIC 79

SPONSOR(S)
BUSTIN
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COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-42

SUMMARY

Under this bill, language is added to Title 5, section 17857 to address the situation of a person who is employed under a special retirement plan, is disabled from performing the duties of this position, but is able to work in a position that is not under a special retirement plan. Instead of being required to retire on disability retirement, this bill would permit the employee to transfer to a position which he would be capable of performing and, as long as he is unable to return to his previous position, he would continue to be covered by the special retirement plan.

Committee Amendment "A" allows the Maine State Retirement System to require yearly physical examinations of disabled special plan employees who have transferred to a job not under a special plan.

LD 525 An Act to Facilitate Conversion of the Maine State Retirement System Records to an Automated System

PUBLIC 95

SPONSOR(S)
HICKEY
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JALBERT
RICHARD

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-64
H-68 TAMMARO

SUMMARY

The purpose of this bill is to facilitate the conversion of the records of the Maine State Retirement System from a manual system to an automated system.

Committee Amendment "A" adds to the bill a provision which extends the law concerning partial payment of back contributions from dealing only with those payments which are interrupted by retirement to all partial payments and allows the board to determine by rule how to pro rate the credit given rather than adhering to a specific section of the law dealing with interest.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" corrects technical errors in the amendment.