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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

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COMMITTEE REPORT
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill gives a Retirement System retiree contemplating returning to the retiree's former employment a simpler choice than current legislation; namely, continue to receive a retirement benefit and accrue no additional creditable service or give up the retirement benefit and accrue additional creditable service, which could result in a larger retirement benefit when the person retires again.

LD 898 An Act to Clarify the Law Concerning Retired Teachers' Health Insurance and to Compensate Retired Teachers Who Are Ineligible for That Insurance

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COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-480 HICKEY
S-221

SUMMARY

This bill clarifies confusion in the law that was created by the passage in 1987 of 2 overlapping bills dealing with group health insurance for retired teachers. The bills had the same chapter heading and similar chapter, section and headnote wording.

The 2 differences between the 2 bills are that the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 13451 requires that to be eligible for group insurance retired teachers must meet the eligibility requirements of the health plan in effect at the time of their retirement and limits the State's contribution to the retired teachers' pension to be 15%. (It is 100% for retired state employees.) Title 20-A, section 13461 has neither of these provisions.

This bill amends Title 20-A, section 13451 to eliminate the requirement that the retired teacher be eligible under the provisions of the plan in effect when the teacher retired and continues the 15% contribution provision. It repeals Title 20-A, section 13461.

Committee Amendment "A" keeps both sections and tries to indicate the differences between them. It repeals 20-A MRSA, section 13461, refines the headnote and opening paragraph and reenacts it under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 13452 under the chapter containing 20-A MRSA section 13451.

Under Title 20-A, section 13451, subsection 4, the amendment also provides \$7 a month to all retired teachers who are not eligible for group health insurance, if they worked as public school teachers for one year immediately prior to reaching normal retirement age or had 25 years of creditable service.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" clarifies that retirees are to be charged a rate no greater than that charged active teachers, while giving each plan the ability to set a lower rate in appropriate situations.