

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
115TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
AND  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
AGING, RETIREMENT AND VETERANS**

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BILL SUMMARIES  
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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 volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H - 584 or S - 222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

|                                   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| <b>PUBLIC XXX</b>                 | <i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>                              |
| <b>P&amp;S XXX</b>                | <i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>               |
| <b>RESOLVE XXX</b>                | <i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>                                 |
| <b>CON RES XXX</b>                | <i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i> |
| <b>EMERGENCY</b>                  | <i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>                 |
| <b>CARRIED OVER</b>               | <i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>                             |
| <b>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</b> | <i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>                                  |
| <b>ONTP</b>                       | <i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>                            |
| <b>LVWD</b>                       | <i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>                            |
| <b>INDEF PP</b>                   | <i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>                                  |
| <b>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</b>        | <i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>                       |
| <b>VETO SUSTAINED</b>             | <i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>               |
| <b>UNSIGNED</b>                   | <i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>                        |
| <b>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</b>        | <i>Action incomplete when 1st session ended</i>                     |

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

**LD 1466**

**An Act to Amend Certain Laws Administered by the Maine State Retirement System**

**PUBLIC 580**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
THERIAULT

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-533 JALBERT  
S-196

**SUMMARY**

This bill makes miscellaneous administrative changes to the laws governing the Maine State Retirement System.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-196) deletes 2 sections of the bill that authorize the retirement system to adopt rules defining "continuous creditable service." These sections are unnecessary because the board already has general rulemaking authority that would permit it to adopt those rules. The amendment also corrects a section number reference and adds a fiscal note.

House Amendment "A" (H-533) clarifies the provision relating to the exceptions to the requirement that medical information in the possession of the retirement system must be confidential.

**LD 1520**

**An Act to Amend the Maine State Retirement System Laws Relating to Military Service Credits**

**PUBLIC 479**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
JALBERT  
ALIBERTI

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-485

**SUMMARY**

This bill reverses 2 unintended substantive changes made at the time the Maine State Retirement System laws were recodified in 1986 to make the military service provisions relating to participating local district members consistent with comparable laws relating to state employees and teachers.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-485) deletes provisions of the bill restricting qualification for service credit for military service when the member may use the service to qualify for service credits or benefits under another retirement plan. The amendment also removes language that was enacted in a previous bill.

**LD 1525**

**An Act to Provide Fully Paid Health Insurance Benefits to Retired Teachers**

**CARRIED OVER**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
PEARSON  
O'DEA

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
S-226

**SUMMARY**

This bill increases the State's contribution for group accident, sickness or health insurance on behalf of eligible retired teachers from 25% to 100% and corrects errors caused by two conflicting enactments last year.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-226) (not adopted) changes the amount of the State's contribution to retired teachers' health insurance premiums to 30%, changes the title of the bill and the appropriation and adds a fiscal note.