

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

STATE OF MAINE
116TH LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
AGING, RETIREMENT AND VETERANS

MAY 1994

Staff:
Lisa Copenhaver, Legislative Analyst

*Office of Policy and Legal Analysis
Room 101, State House Station 13
Augusta, ME 04333
(207)287-1670*

MEMBERS:

**Sen. Bonnie L. Titcomb
Sen. Dale McCormick
Sen. Charles M. Webster*

**Rep. John Jalbert
Rep. Mary R. Cathcart
Rep. Jason Wentworth
Rep. Marc J. Vigue
Rep. Pamela H. Hatch
Rep. Alvin L. Barth, Jr.
Rep. Dean F. Clukey
Rep. Henry L. Joy
Rep. Brenda Birney
Rep. Robert L. Tufts*

**Denotes Chair*

MARTHA E. FREEMAN, DIRECTOR
WILLIAM T. GLIDDEN, JR., PRINCIPAL ANALYST
JULIE S. JONES, PRINCIPAL ANALYST
DAVID C. ELLIOTT, PRINCIPAL ANALYST
MARION HYLAN BARR
JON CLARK
LISA COPENHAVER
DEBORAH C. FRIEDMAN
MICHAEL D. HIGGINS
JILL IPPOLITI



JOHN B. KNOX
ROY W. LENARDSON
PATRICK NORTON
JANE ORBETON
MARGARET J. REINSCH
PAUL J. SAUCIER
JOHN G. KELLEY, RESEARCHER
DARLENE A. SHORES LYNCH, RESEARCHER
CARRIE C. McFADDEN, RESEARCHER

STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF POLICY AND LEGAL ANALYSIS
ROOM 101/107/135
STATE HOUSE STATION 13
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333
TEL: (207) 287-1670
FAX (207) 287-1275

**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES**

MAY 1994

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.

The committee report or reports, the prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor in each house if one has been designated are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number, 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:

PUBLIC XXX

P&S XXX

RESOLVE XXX

CON RES XXX

EMERGENCY

ONTP

INDEF PP

FAILED ENACTMENT

FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT

FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT

DIED BETWEEN BODIES

CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE

VETO SUSTAINED

UNSIGNED

DIED ON ADJOURNMENT

Chapter # of enacted Public Law

Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law

Chapter # of enacted Resolve

Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses

Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days

Ought Not to Pass report accepted

Bill Indefinitely Postponed

Bill failed to get majority vote

Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote

Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote

House & Senate disagree; bill died

Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died

Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Not signed by Governor within 10 days

Action incomplete when session ended; bill died

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. If you have any suggestions or comments on the summaries, please let us know.

5581LHS

LD 1728

An Act to Establish Retirement Equity for Full-time Adult Education Teachers

PUBLIC 539

SPONSOR(S)
MITCHELL E

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-782

SUMMARY

This bill changes the provision granting only 1/2 a year's service credit to adult education teachers who teach a full accredited year so that those teachers will get a full year's credit.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-782) accomplishes the same purpose as the original bill by repealing the statutory provision granting only 1/2 year's service credit for one year of service as a full-time adult education teacher. By repealing this section, adult education teachers will be entitled to the same creditable service as other teachers. The amendment also adds a fiscal note.

LD 1795 An Act to Establish the Administrative Operating Budget for the Maine State Retirement System for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1995

P & S 73
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-807

SUMMARY

The establishment of the Maine State Retirement System as a public instrumentality in the last legislative session carried with it the requirement that the system present to the Legislature for its approval an annual administrative operating budget. This bill is the system's first annual budget; it is for fiscal year 1994-95. The bill identifies Personal Services costs for the Office of the Executive Director, identifies Personal Services costs for all other retirement system staff and identifies All Other expenses for the system as a whole. For information purposes, the bill presents the attribution of expenses to the 3 retirement system member and employer categories: General Fund, non-General Fund and Participating Local District.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-807) adds \$60,000 to cover the costs of 2 additional positions needed to institute a program to allow the initial benefit payments to be made on the basis of a member's estimated benefit. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 1822 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish a Contractual Obligation for Members of the Maine State Retirement System

DIED BETWEEN
BODIES

SPONSOR(S)
TITCOMB

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM REP
OTP-AM REP
ONTP REP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-515

SUMMARY

This resolution would have proposed a constitutional amendment that would establish a contractual relationship between the State and its employees for pension benefits and would prohibit the diminishment or impairment of those benefits.