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conjunction with the employee's membership in an employee organization recognized by the employer or designated by a collective bargaining agreement.

### **LD 190 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Retirement Benefit Reductions for Corrections Officers Currently Included in the 1998 Special Plan**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 401 requires that service retirement benefits for employees of the Department of Corrections included in the 1998 Special Plan as of October 18, 2021 who receive a direct care stipend pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement and who were employed prior to January 1, 2000 be computed on the same basis as benefits for other members under the plan are computed; creditable service is included regardless of when that service was earned.

### **LD 213 An Act To Require Coverage for Female Firefighters Facing Reproductive System Cancer**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 325 adds gynecologic cancer to the definition of "cancer" so that there is also a rebuttable presumption under Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992 for a firefighter who contracts gynecologic cancer. Under the current law, there is a rebuttable presumption that a firefighter who has contracted kidney cancer, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, colon cancer, leukemia, brain cancer, bladder cancer, multiple myeloma, prostate cancer, testicular cancer or breast cancer has contracted the cancer as a result of that firefighter's employment.

### **LD 248 An Act Regarding the Board of Occupational Safety and Health**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 103 allows the Board of Occupational Safety and Health the authority to adopt emergency rules.

### **LD 275 An Act To Amend the Retirement Laws Pertaining to Certain Educational Technicians**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 6 provides an exception to mandatory membership in the State Employee and Teacher Retirement Program for employees filling certain educational technician positions who do not introduce new learning plans and supervise small groups of students in community-based programs and are therefore not required by statute to be certified.

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Public Law 2021, chapter 6 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 17, 2021.

### **LD 319 An Act To Promote Socially Responsible Investing by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System by Prohibiting Investment in For-profit Prisons**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 234 prohibits the Treasurer of State and the Board of Trustees of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System from investing assets in any corporation or company that owns or operates prisons for profit. It also requires the Treasurer of State and the Board of Trustees of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to divest any such holdings consistent with sound investment criteria and fiduciary obligations.

Public Law 2021, chapter 234 also directs the Board of Trustees of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to review its environmental, social and governance policy and make necessary changes to conform to the prohibition and to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing by January 1, 2022.

### **LD 341 Resolve, Directing the Maine Public Employees Retirement System To Study and Report on How Statewide Retirement Systems Affected by the Windfall Elimination Provision and Government Pension Offset Can Cooperate on Solutions**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2021, chapter 84 directs the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to study existing and potential further cooperation with other statewide retirement systems affected by the windfall elimination provision and the government pension offset instead of an interstate compact. The resolve requires the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing no later than January 1, 2022 and authorizes the committee to report out a bill based on the report.

### **LD 467 An Act To Support E-9-1-1 Dispatchers and Corrections Officers Diagnosed with Post-traumatic Stress Disorder**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 419 adds corrections officers and E-9-1-1 dispatchers to the list of employees for whom there is a rebuttable presumption under the laws governing workers' compensation that when the employee is diagnosed by a licensed psychiatrist or psychologist as having post-traumatic stress disorder resulting from work stress that was extraordinary and unusual, the post-traumatic stress disorder is presumed to have arisen out of and in the course of the worker's employment.