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## JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND HOUSING

### **LD 1101 An Act To Expand the 1998 Special Retirement Plan To Include Civilian Employees Who Work for the Department of Public Safety Crime Lab and Computer Crimes Unit**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 474 allows civilian employees in the employment of the Department of Public Safety, Maine State Police Crime Laboratory or computer crimes unit on October 1, 2021, whose job responsibilities include the handling, examination or analysis of digital or physical evidence, to elect to participate in the 1998 Special Plan of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System. Under that plan, a person may retire at 55 years of age with 10 years of creditable service or may retire before 55 years of age with 25 years of creditable service and at a reduced benefit.

### **LD 1103 An Act To Allow a 5-year Open Enrollment in the Participating Local District Retirement Program for Certain Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters and Other Municipal Employees**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 286 allows employees in a participating local district to enroll in the Participating Local District Retirement Program up to and including that employee's 5th-year employment anniversary through an annual open enrollment. It also provides a one-time election for participating local district employees whose five-year work anniversary has passed to join the Participating Local District Retirement Program. The law also clarifies that member contributions for an employee that joins the Participating Local District Retirement Program under the law's provisions may not be made with pretax dollars.

### **LD 1105 Resolve, Directing the Maine Public Employees Retirement System To Convene a Working Group To Investigate Public Pension Options**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2021, chapter 66 directs the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to convene a working group of representatives of public employers, including the State and school administrative units, and public employees, including the Maine Service Employees Association and the Maine Education Association, to work together to develop new designs for public employee pensions that are based on social security and have comparable benefits to the current defined benefit plan. The working group must submit to the Legislature no later than December 1, 2021, a report containing options for public pensions developed by the working group and proposed plans and timelines for implementation.