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The law removes language that requires, in some cases, that disability retirement benefit payments be reduced by any amount received under the United States Social Security Act. It also changes the formula under the Participating Local District Retirement Program for calculating reductions for disability payments under other laws by basing the calculation on average final compensation, not average annual earnings.

The law requires the chief executive officer of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to waive the reduction in the amount that a person's disability retirement benefits must be reduced when the person receives compensation in any year from engaging in any gainful activity or from employment if the person demonstrates that the excess compensation has ceased and that continuing the reduction would cause a hardship.

The law also provides that any person required to reimburse the Maine Public Employees Retirement System for any excess payments due to the receipt of excess compensation from employment under current law as of the effective date of the law does not have to pay that reimbursement.

LD 2218 An Act to Increase the Per Diem Rate for Members of the Maine Labor Relations Board

Public Law 2025, chapter 619 increases the per diem rate for members of the Maine Labor Relations Board from \$75 per day to \$150 per day. The law also increases the per diem rate for the Chair of the Maine Labor Relations Board from \$100 per day to \$200 per day.