



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Amend the Retirement Laws Pertaining to Certain Educational Technicians

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Cuddy of Winterport

Committee: Labor and Housing

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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No state fiscal impact
Higher employer contribution - local school administrative units

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill corrects the unintended result of statutory and rule changes made in 2017 and 2018 by the Department of Education regarding certification requirements for Education Technician I positions that made the people filling these positions mandatory members of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System (MainePERS) and ineligible for Social Security. Prior to the changes, these employees generally participated in Social Security. Because the employer contribution for these employees, whether they participate in either Social Security or MainePERS, are paid by local school administrative units, this bill does not result in a fiscal impact to the State. The employer contribution rate for participation in Social Security is 6.2% of wages. For the 2020-2021 biennium, the employer contribution rate for participation in the State Employee and Teacher Retirement Plan within MainePERS is 4.16% of wages.