



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1808

LR 2288(01)

An Act To Address Employee Retention at the Maine State Police Crime Laboratory and the Computer Crimes Unit in the Department of Public Safety

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Sen. Diamond of Cumberland

Committee: Labor and Housing

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Projections FY 2023-24	Projections FY 2024-25
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$1,462,611	\$23,146	\$23,887	\$24,652
Highway Fund	\$1,383	\$8,700	\$8,978	\$9,266
Appropriations/Allocations				
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Fiscal Detail and Notes

Public Law 2021, chapter 474 (LD 1101), enacted on July 15, 2021, provided civilian employees employed in the Maine State Police Crime Laboratory or computer crimes unit within the Department of Public Safety on or after October 1, 2021 the option to participate in the 1998 Special Plan on a prospective basis if the employees elected to participate by December 31, 2021. Based on an analysis performed by MainePERS, the fiscal note for LD 1101 had assumed that 21 of the estimated 32 eligible civilian employees would choose to participate in the 1998 Special Plan and funding was included in that enacted bill for the estimated increase in employer contributions for these employees.

This bill requires that the retrospective service retirement benefits for civilian employees employed in the Maine State Police Crime Laboratory or computer crimes unit earned under the regular state employee and teacher plan be calculated under the provisions of the 1998 Special Plan. The Retirement System - Retirement Allowance Fund within the Maine Public Employees Retirement System will require a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$1,458,932 in fiscal year 2021-22 for the cost of the unfunded actuarial liability created by allowing service retirement benefits earned under the state employee and teacher plan to be calculated under the 1998 Special Plan.

Also, as it is now assumed that service retirement benefits for all eligible civilian employees will be calculated under the 1998 Special Plan, the Department of Public Safety will require General Fund appropriations of \$3,679 and \$23,146 and Highway Fund allocations of \$1,383 and \$8,700 in fiscal years 2021-22 and 2022-23, respectively, for the prospective costs of increased employer contributions for the 11 civilian employees not included in the funding provided in LD 1101.