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## 2012 Legislative Update

### **L.D. 1465 – An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Freedom of Access**

This bill makes several changes and clarifications to the Freedom of Access Act.

*This bill was signed by the Governor and enacted as PL 2011, c. 662 and was effective August 30, 2012.*

### **L.D. 1651 – An Act to Clarify Health Insurance Benefits for Disabled Participants in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System**

This bill excludes disability retirees who subsequently change to service retirement from the impact of recent health insurance changes.

*This bill was signed by the Governor and enacted as PL 2011, c. 540 and was effective March 30, 2012.*

### **L.D. 1746 – An Act To Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2013**

This bill is the State's supplemental budget for fiscal years 2012 and 2013. It includes two sections that pertain to MainePERS. The first enables Charter Schools to elect to include employees in a MainePERS-administered defined benefit plan. The second further directs MainePERS on the implementation of a new pension plan for State employees and teachers hired after June 30, 2015.

*This bill was signed by the Governor and enacted as PL 2011, c. 657 and was effective May 16, 2012.*

### **L.D. 1831 – An Act to Allow Forfeiture of Maine Public Employees Retirement System Benefits for Persons Convicted of Certain Crimes**

This bill provides for the forfeiture of benefits of a public employee who is convicted of certain types of crimes. It gives the court discretion to order the forfeiture of retirement benefits of a member of MainePERS who commits a crime in connection with the member's public office or public employment, or a crime the member's position placed the member in a position to commit.

*This bill was signed by the Governor and enacted as PL 2011, c. 606 and was effective August 30, 2012.*

### **L.D. 1843 – An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability and the Government Oversight Committee Regarding Quasi-independent State Entities**

This bill implements the recommendations of the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability (OPEGA) to require quasi-independent state agencies to adopt and implement policies and procedures for certain business practices, such as procurement.

*This bill was signed by the Governor and enacted as PL 2011, c. 616 and was effective August 30, 2012*