



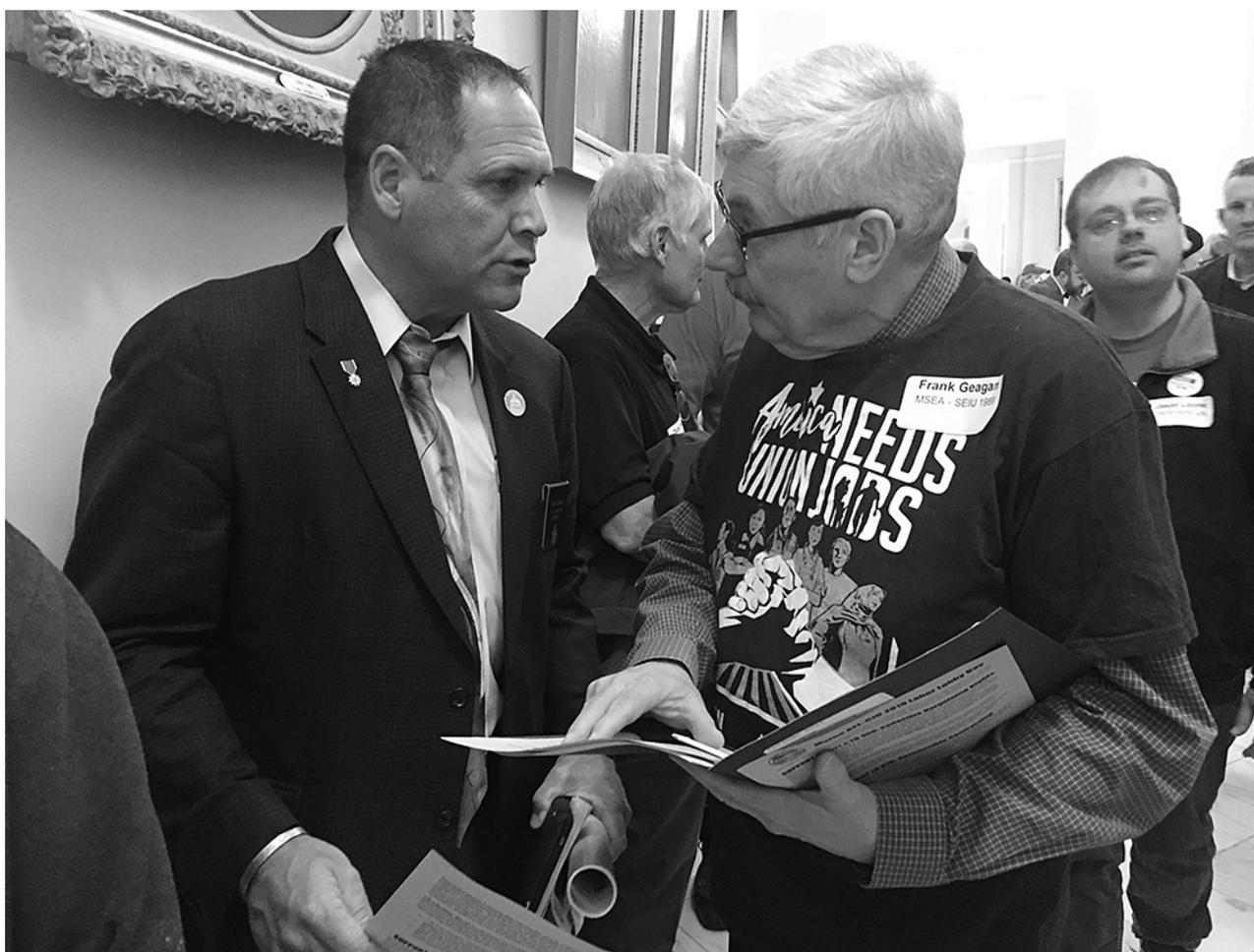
2019 LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD

FOR THE 129TH MAINE LEGISLATURE

See whether your state senator and state representative voted for or against MSEA and workers on key issues we tracked.

During the 2019 legislation, we tracked the votes of every state legislator on key issues impacting Maine workers. Use this Scorecard to look up whether your state senator and state representative voted for or against MSEA and workers on our issues:

- **Approving the bipartisan two-year state budget** (LD 1001, signed into law by Governor Mills). We supported the final budget. It addresses understaffing, funds our Judicial and Executive Branch contracts, and increases funding for Child Development Services, Governor Baxter School for the Deaf/MECDHH, and the Maine Community College System. It makes investments in local schools and progress on property tax relief by increasing revenue sharing. It also strengthens the Property Tax Fairness Credit.
- **Strengthening workers' rights** (LD 1177, vetoed by Governor Mills). This legislation would have strengthened collective bargaining rights by making arbitration binding on key economic issues for public workers. The rights of public workers need to be strengthened to defend our families and the services we provide to the people of Maine. While we're encouraged it passed in both the Maine House and the Maine Senate, we remain disappointed Gov. Mills vetoed it. We'll keep fighting to strengthen collective bargaining rights.
- **Providing pay parity for Maine DHHS caseworkers** (LD 428, carried over to the January 2020 legislative session). This legislation passed both the Maine House and Maine Senate but was carried over by the Appropriations Committee to the January 2020 legislative session. It would create parity among all Maine DHHS caseworkers. Our new Executive Branch contracts made good progress on this issue but there is still more work to be done.
- **Strengthening the retirement system** (LD 1620, signed into law by Governor Mills). We supported this legislation, which excludes collectively bargained salary and job promotion increases from the earnable compensation limit for retirement purposes.



MSEA-SEIU PASER Member Frank Geagan, at right, asks his State Senator, Brad Farrin, to support a comprehensive study of compensation for state employees March 13 during the Maine AFL-CIO Labor Lobby Day. Senator Farrin voted against Maine workers and MSEA on all the issues we tracked in this Legislative Scorecard. Turn to Page 3 to see how every state senator voted.

- **Funding a comprehensive study of the state employee compensation and classification system** (LD 1214, carried over to the January 2020 legislative session). We secured a commitment from the Mills administration in Executive Branch bargaining for up to \$600,000 for a compensation and classification study for state employees. That figure is for the actual study; the state will make a good-faith effort to complete it by Aug. 1, 2020. Implementation would be subject to future collective bargaining.

MainePERS sets 1.6% retiree COLA

On Aug. 8, the Maine Public Employees Retirement System (MainePERS) Board of Trustees approved a 1.6% cost of living adjustment (COLA) increase effective September 2019 for eligible retirees in the State-Judicial-Legislative-Teacher Retirement Plan. The 2019 Legislature respected the MainePERS COLA process.

Eligible retirees in the Participating Local Districts – Consolidated Plan, including Maine Turnpike Authority retirees, also will get a 1.6% retiree COLA increase effective September 2019.

Scorecard guide:

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2019 MSEA-SEIU Legislative Champions

The following Democratic, Republican and Independent state legislators all provided particularly strong leadership on key issues for MSEA-SEIU members during the 2019 session of the 129th Maine Legislature:

Maine Senate

Shenna Bellows * Susan Deschambault * Bill Diamond * Erin Herbig * Senate President Troy Jackson * Senate Democratic Leader Nathan Libby * Rebecca Millett * David Miramant * Assistant Senate Democratic Leader Eloise Vitelli

Maine House of Representatives

Kent Ackley * Anne Carney * Scott Cuddy * Janice Dodge * Donna Doore * Assistant Majority Leader Ryan Fecteau * Speaker Sara Gideon * Craig Hickman * Colleen Madigan * Chloe Maxmin * Andrew McLean * Michele Meyer * Majority Leader Matt Moonen * Victoria Morales * Margaret O'Neil * Ann Peoples * William Pluecker * Lois Reckitt * Deane Rykerson * Thomas Skolfield * Holly Stover * Michael Sylvester * Will Tuell * Charlotte Warren



2019 MSEA-SEIU Honor Roll

The following state legislators scored 100% pro-worker and pro-MSEA on the issues we tracked in this Legislative Scorecard:

Maine Senate

Shenna Bellows * Catherine Breen * Michael Carpenter * Brownie Carson * Justin Chenette * Benjamin Chipman * Ned Claxton * Susan Deschambault * Bill Diamond * James Dill * Geoffrey Gratwick * Erin Herbig * Senate President Troy Jackson * Mark Lawrence * Senate Democratic Leader Nathan Libby * Rebecca Millett * David Miramant * Heather Sanborn * Linda Sanborn * Senate Assistant Democratic Leader Eloise Vitelli

Maine House of Representatives

Kent Ackley * Robert Alley * Betty Austin * Christopher Babbidge * Shawn Babine * Donna Bailey * Pinny Beebe-Center * Seth Berry * Lydia Blume * Heidi Brooks * Mark Bryant * Christopher Caiazzo * Barbara Cardone * Anne Carney * Benjamin Collings * Janice Cooper * Margaret Craven * Edward Crockett * Scott Cuddy * Matthea Daughtry *

Diane Denk * Janice Dodge * Donna Doore * Victoria Doudera * Michelle Dunphy * Jeffrey Evangelos * Richard Farnsworth * Jessica Fay * House Assistant Democratic Leader Ryan Fecteau * Victoria Foley * Drew Gattine * House Speaker Sara Gideon * Lori Gramlich * Nicole Grohoski * James Handy * Thom Harnett * Allison Hepler * Craig Hickman *

Henry Ingwersen * Erik Jorgensen * Christopher Kessler * Colleen Madigan * Chloe Maxmin * David McCrea * Joyce McCreight * Genevieve McDonald * Andrew McLean * Gina Melaragno * Michele Meyer * House Majority Leader Matt Moonen * Victoria Morales * Stephen Moriarty * Margaret O'Neil * Sean Paulhus * Sarah Pebworth * Anne Peoples * Joseph Perry * William Pluecker *

Lois Reckitt * Christina Riley * Tiffany Roberts-Lovell * Deane Rykerson * Braden Sharpe * Bettyann Sheats * Stephen Stanley * Holly Stover * Michael Sylvester * Rachel Talbot Ross * Denise Tepler * Maureen Terry * Ryan Tipping * Ralph Tucker * Arthur Verow * Charlotte Warren * Bruce White * Stanley Paige Zeigler

Did your State Senator vote PRO-MSEA and worker?

Senate District #	State Senator	Percent they voted PRO-MSEA & worker	Bipartisan two-year state budget enactment (LD 1001, Roll Call S-309)	Pay parity for adult protective caseworkers (LD 428, Roll Call S-233)	Strengthen collective bargaining by providing economic arbitration on (LD 1177, Roll Call S-358)	Exclude collectively bargained salary increases from earnable compensation limits for retirement (LD 1620, Roll Call S-197)	Fund a compensation and classification study for the Executive Branch (LD 1214, Roll Call S-141)
			Y = Supports MSEA	Y = Supports MSEA	Y = Supports MSEA	Y = Supports MSEA	Y = Supports MSEA
14	Shenna Bellows, Kennebec	100%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
17	Russell Black, Franklin	20%	Y	N	N	N	N
25	Catherine Breen, Cumberland	100%	Y	Y	E	Y	Y
2	Michael Carpenter, Aroostook	100%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
24	Brownie Carson, Cumberland	100%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
31	Justin Chenette, York	100%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
27	Benjamin Chipman, Cumberland	100%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
20	Ned Claxton, Androscoggin	100%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
16	Scott Cyrway, Kennebec	20%	N	N	N	Y	N
4	Paul Davis, Piscataquis	0%	N	N	N	N	N
32	Susan Deschambault, York	100%	Y	E	Y	Y	Y
26	Bill Diamond, Cumberland	100%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
5	James Dill, Penobscot	100%	Y	Y	A	Y	Y
13	Dana Dow, Lincoln	20%	Y	N	N	N	N
3	Bradlee Farrin, Somerset	0%	N	N	N	N	E
34	Robert Foley, York	0%	E	N	N	N	N
9	Geoffrey Gratwick, Penobscot	100%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10	Stacey Guerin, Penobscot	0%	N	N	N	N	N
19	James Hamper, Oxford	20%	Y	N	N	N	N
11	Erin Herbig, Waldo	100%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1	Troy Jackson, Aroostook	100%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
18	Lisa Keim, Oxford	0%	N	N	N	N	N
35	Mark Lawrence, York	100%	Y	E	Y	Y	Y
21	Nathan Libby, Androscoggin	100%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
7	Louis Luchini, Hancock	80%	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
29	Rebecca Millett, Cumberland	100%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
12	David Miramant, Knox	100%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
6	Marianne Moore, Washington	0%	N	N	N	N	Y
15	Matthew Pouliot, Kennebec	40%	N	N	N	Y	Y
8	Kimberley Rosen, Hancock	0%	N	N	N	N	N
28	Heather Sanborn, Cumberland	100%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
30	Linda Sanborn, Cumberland	100%	Y	Y	E	Y	Y
22	Jeffrey Timberlake, Androscoggin	0%	N	N	N	N	N
23	Eloise Vitelli, Sagadahoc	100%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
33	David Woodsome, York	20%	Y	N	N	N	N

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82	Kent Ackley, Monmouth	100%	Y	N	Y	Y
138	Robert Alley, Beals	100%	Y	N	Y	Y
73	John Andrews, Paris	0%	N	Y	N	N
65	Amy Arata, New Gloucester	0%	N	A	N	N
107	Betty Austin, Skowhegan	100%	Y	N	Y	Y
67	Susan Austin, Gray	0%	N	Y	N	N
8	Christopher Babbidge, Kennebunk	100%	Y	N	Y	Y
29	Shawn Babine, Scarborough	100%	Y	N	Y	Y
14	Donna Bailey, Saco	100%	A	N	Y	Y
93	Pinny Beebe-Center, Rockland	100%	Y	N	Y	Y
55	Seth Berry, Bowdoinham	100%	Y	N	Y	Y
63	Bruce Bickford, Auburn	25%	Y	Y	N	N
22	Mark Blier, Buxton	0%	N	Y	N	N
3	Lydia Blume, York	100%	Y	N	Y	Y
80	Richard Bradstreet, Vassalboro	0%	N	A	N	N
36	Michael Brennan, Portland	75%	Y	N	N	Y
61	Heidi Brooks, Lewiston	100%	Y	E	A	E
24	Mark Bryant, Windham	100%	Y	A	Y	Y
28	Christopher Caiazzo, Scarborough	100%	Y	N	Y	Y
130	Richard Campbell, Orrington	25%	Y	Y	N	N
127	Barbara Cardone, Bangor	100%	Y	N	Y	Y
30	Anne Carney, Cape Elizabeth	100%	Y	N	Y	Y
68	Richard Cebra, Naples	33%	N	N	A	N
60	Kristen Cloutier, Lewiston	75%	Y	N	N	Y
42	Benjamin Collings, Portland	100%	Y	N	Y	Y
47	Janice Cooper, Yarmouth	100%	Y	N	Y	Y
25	Patrick Corey, Windham	25%	Y	Y	N	N
100	Danny Costain, Plymouth	0%	A	Y	N	N
59	Margaret Craven, Lewiston	100%	Y	N	Y	Y
43	Edward Crockett, Portland	100%	Y	N	Y	Y
98	Scott Cuddy, Winterport	100%	Y	A	Y	Y
111	Philip Curtis, Madison	0%	N	Y	N	N
49	Matthea Daughtry, Brunswick	100%	Y	N	Y	Y
9	Diane Denk, Kennebunk	100%	Y	N	Y	Y
149	John DeVeau, Caribou	0%	N	A	N	A
90	Michael Devin, Newcastle	No score	E	E	E	E
72	Kathleen Dillingham, Oxford	0%	N	Y	N	N
97	Janice Dodge, Belfast	100%	Y	N	Y	Y

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115	Josanne Dolloff, Rumford	0%	N	A	N	N
85	Donna Doore, Augusta	100%	Y	N	Y	A
94	Victoria Doudera, Camden	100%	Y	N	Y	Y
121	Gary Drinkwater, Milford	0%	N	Y	N	N
122	Michelle Dunphy, Old Town	100%	Y	A	Y	Y
91	Jeffrey Evangelos, Friendship	100%	Y	N	Y	Y
37	Richard Farnsworth, Portland	100%	Y	N	Y	Y
136	Billy Bob Faulkingham, Winter Harbor	0%	N	Y	N	N
66	Jessica Fay, Raymond	100%	Y	N	Y	Y
86	Justin Fecteau, Augusta	0%	N	Y	N	N
11	Ryan Fecteau, Biddeford	100%	Y	N	Y	Y
12	Victoria Foley, Biddeford	100%	Y	N	Y	Y
104	Steven Foster, Dexter	0%	N	Y	N	N
34	Drew Gattine, Westbrook	100%	Y	A	Y	A
48	Sara Gideon, Freeport	100%	Y	N	Y	A
13	Lori Gramlich, Old Orchard Beach	100%	Y	N	Y	Y
102	Abigail Griffin, Levant	0%	N	Y	N	N
118	Chad Grignon, Athens	0%	A	A	A	N
132	Nicole Grohoski, Ellsworth	100%	Y	N	Y	Y
101	David Haggan, Hampden	0%	N	A	N	N
114	Randall Hall, Wilton	0%	N	Y	N	N
58	James Handy, Lewiston	100%	Y	N	Y	Y
142	Sheldon Hanington, Lincoln	25%	N	N	N	N
87	Jeffery Hanley, Pittston	0%	N	Y	N	N
83	Thom Harnett, Gardiner	100%	Y	N	Y	Y
19	Matthew Harrington, Sanford	50%	Y	N	N	N
117	Frances Head, Bethel	0%	N	Y	N	N
53	Allison Hepler, Woolwich	100%	Y	N	Y	Y
81	Craig Hickman, Winthrop	100%	Y	N	Y	Y
120	Norman Higgins, Dover-Foxcroft	33%	Y	Y	N	A
7	Daniel Hobbs, Wells	75%	Y	N	N	Y
135	Brian Hubbell, Bar Harbor	75%	Y	N	N	Y
131	Sherman Hutchins, Penobscot	0%	N	A	N	N
4	Patricia Hymanson, York	50%	Y	Y	N	Y
10	Henry Ingwersen, Arundel	100%	Y	N	Y	Y
141	Kathy Javner, Chester	0%	N	Y	N	N
145	Chris Johansen, Monticello	0%	N	Y	N	N
41	Erik Jorgensen, Portland	100%	Y	N	Y	Y

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76	Dennis Keschl, Belgrade	25%	Y	Y	N	N
32	Christopher Kessler, South Portland	100%	Y	N	Y	Y
99	MaryAnne Kinney, Knox	0%	A	Y	N	N
125	Victoria Kornfield, Bangor	50%	Y	Y	N	Y
20	Theodore Kryzak, Acton	0%	N	Y	N	N
113	Scott Landry, Farmington	75%	Y	Y	Y	Y
137	Lawrence Lockman, Bradley	0%	N	Y	N	N
129	Peter Lyford, Eddington	0%	A	Y	N	N
110	Colleen Madigan, Waterville	100%	Y	N	Y	Y
16	Donald Marean, Hollis	25%	Y	Y	N	N
151	John Martin, Eagle Lake	75%	Y	N	N	Y
150	Danny Martin, Sinclair	75%	Y	N	N	Y
57	Thomas Martin, Greene	0%	N	Y	N	N
56	Richard Mason, Lisbon	0%	N	Y	N	N
18	Anne-Marie Mastraccio, Sanford	50%	Y	Y	N	Y
92	Ann Matlack, St. George	50%	Y	Y	N	Y
88	Chloe Maxmin, Nobleboro	100%	Y	N	Y	Y
148	David McCrea, Fort Fairfield	100%	Y	N	Y	Y
51	Joyce McCreight, Harpswell	100%	Y	N	Y	Y
134	Genevieve McDonald, Stonington	100%	Y	N	Y	Y
27	Andrew McLean, Gorham	100%	Y	N	Y	Y
62	Gina Melaragno, Auburn	100%	Y	N	Y	Y
2	Michele Meyer, Eliot	100%	Y	N	Y	Y
71	Sawin Millett, Waterford	50%	Y	A	N	A
38	Matt Moonen, Portland	100%	Y	N	Y	Y
33	Victoria Morales, South Portland	100%	Y	N	Y	Y
45	Stephen Moriarty, Cumberland	100%	Y	(not yet elected)	Y	(not yet elected)
75	Joshua Morris, Turner	0%	N	Y	N	N
78	Catherine Nadeau, Winslow	75%	Y	N	N	Y
5	Beth O'Connor, Berwick	0%	A	Y	N	N
15	Margaret O'Neil, Saco	100%	Y	N	Y	Y
23	Lester Ordway, Standish	0%	N	Y	N	N
52	Sean Paulhus, Bath	100%	Y	N	Y	Y
133	Sarah Pebworth, Blue Hill	100%	Y	N	Y	Y
35	Ann Peoples, Westbrook	100%	Y	N	Y	Y
77	Michael Perkins, Oakland	0%	A	Y	N	N
140	Anne Perry, Calais	75%	Y	Y	Y	Y
124	Joseph Perry, Bangor	100%	Y	N	Y	Y

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116	Richard Pickett, Dixfield	25%	N	Y	N	Y
44	Teresa Pierce, Falmouth	75%	Y	N	N	Y
95	William Pluecker, Warren	100%	Y	N	Y	Y
17	Dwayne Prescott, Waterboro	25%	Y	Y	N	N
31	Lois Reckitt, South Portland	100%	Y	N	Y	Y
103	Roger Reed, Carmel	0%	N	Y	N	N
74	Christina Riley, Jay	100%	Y	A	Y	Y
69	Walter Riseman, Harrison	75%	Y	N	Y	N
6	Tiffany Roberts-Lovell, South Berwick	100%	Y	N	Y	Y
108	Shelley Rudnicki, Fairfield	0%	N	Y	N	N
1	Deane Rykerson, Kittery	100%	Y	N	Y	Y
21	Heidi Sampson, Alfred	0%	N	Y	N	N
126	John Schneck, Bangor	75%	Y	Y	Y	Y
46	Braden Sharpe, Durham	100%	Y	N	Y	Y
64	Bettyann Sheats, Auburn	100%	Y	N	Y	Y
112	Thomas Skolfield, Weld	66%	Y	A	N	Y
143	Stephen Stanley, Medway	100%	Y	N	Y	Y
119	Paul Stearns, Guilford	25%	Y	Y	N	N
105	Joel Stetkis, Canaan	0%	N	Y	N	N
147	Trey Stewart, Presque Isle	25%	N	Y	Y	N
89	Holly Stover, Boothbay	100%	Y	A	Y	Y
106	Scott Strom, Pittsfield	25%	Y	Y	N	N
144	Gregory Swallow, Houlton	0%	N	Y	N	N
39	Michael Sylvester, Portland	100%	Y	A	Y	A
40	Rachel Talbot Ross, Portland	100%	Y	A	Y	Y
54	Denise Tepler, Topsham	100%	Y	N	Y	Y
26	Maureen Terry, Gorham	100%	Y	A	Y	Y
79	Timothy Theriault, China	0%	A	Y	N	A
123	Ryan Tipping, Orono	100%	Y	N	Y	Y
50	Ralph Tucker, Brunswick	100%	Y	N	Y	Y
139	William Tuell, East Machias	25%	Y	Y	N	N
128	Arthur Verow, Brewer	100%	Y	A	Y	A
70	Nathan Wadsworth, Hiram	0%	N	Y	N	N
84	Charlotte Warren, Hallowell	100%	Y	N	Y	Y
109	Bruce White, Waterville	100%	Y	N	Y	Y
146	Dustin White, Washburn	0%	N	Y	N	N
96	Paige Zeigler, Montville	100%	Y	N	Y	Y

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Non-voting member: **Rena Newell**, Passamaquoddy Tribe



AT LEFT: MSEA-SEIU members welcomed Governor Janet Mills to our Member Forum with the Governor on Jan. 22. They implored the Governor to address recruitment and retention. "This is my plea for help," a Child Protective Caseworker at Maine DHHS told the Governor. "I concur with you," she responded. AT RIGHT: Members and staff of our union joined Governor Mills on May 21 when she signed into law LD 821 setting caseload standards for Child Protective Caseworkers at Maine DHHS. We supported LD 821.

Progress report on Governor Janet T. Mills

LD 821 – Establishing caseload standards, based on national recommendations, for Child Protective Caseworkers: We supported LD 821. It starts to address what has been an unsustainable and unsafe increase in caseloads for Child Protective Caseworkers in the Maine DHHS Office of Child and Family Services (see photos above).

😊 **Action by Governor Mills:** She signed LD 821 into law.

LD 1177 – Making arbitration on key economic issues binding for public workers:

We supported LD 1177 because the rights of public workers need to be strengthened to defend our families and the services we provide to the people of Maine. LD 1177 passed in both the House and Senate.

😞 **Action by Governor Mills:** We were disappointed she vetoed LD 1177. We will keep fighting to strengthen collective bargaining rights.

LD 1620 – Strengthen retirement security: We supported LD 1620, which excludes collectively bargained salary and job promotion increases from the earnable compensation limit for retirement-calculation purposes.

😊 **Action by Governor Mills:** She signed LD 1620 into law.

LD 1001 – The two-year State Budget: We supported LD 1001. It addresses understaffing, funds our Judicial and Executive Branch contracts, and increases funding for Child Development Services, Governor Baxter School for the Deaf/MECDHH, and the Maine Community College System. It makes investments in local schools and progress on property tax relief by increasing revenue sharing. It strengthens the Property Tax Fairness Credit.

😊 **Action by Governor Mills:** She signed LD 1001 into law.

Key

😊 = Excellent

😞 = Disappointing

? = To be determined

LD 1104 – Protect the retiree cost of living adjustment (COLA): We support LD 1104 because it ensures the state and teacher retiree COLA is protected in statute.

? **Action by Governor Mills:** She has chosen to hold LD 1104 on her desk until January 2020. She also has asked the Maine Public Employees Retirement System for its suggestions on how to protect the retiree COLA. The Governor campaigned on protecting the retiree COLA. She needs to hear from you about the importance of protecting it. Call Governor Mills at 207-287-6548 — tell her to let LD 1104 become law.

LD 1214 – Authorizing and funding a wage study for Executive Branch employees: We initiated LD 1214, which calls for the Legislature to fund a comprehensive study of the compensation and classification system for Executive Branch employees. While LD 1214 passed in both the House and Senate, the Appropriations Committee carried it over to the January 2020 legislative session.

😊 **Action by Governor Mills:** In Executive Branch contract bargaining earlier this year, we secured a contractual commitment from the administration of Governor Mills to fund the study at a cost of up to \$600,000. That figure is for the actual study. Implementation of any findings would be subject to future collective bargaining.

LD 1220 – Removing restrictions on retirees returning to work: We supported LD 1220, which removes the five-year limit on a retired state employee or retired teacher to be restored to service. This legislation removes the cap of 75% of compensation established for the position that the retired state employee or retired teacher is filling.

😊 **Action by Governor Mills:** She signed LD 1220 into law.

LD 1246 – Protecting the health and safety of Maine state park visitors and staff

We supported LD 1246. It directs the Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to determine minimum staffing levels for all state parks, except for Baxter State Park, and historic and national parks controlled by the state.

😊 **Action by Governor Mills:** She signed LD 1246 into law.

LD 527 – Establishing a law enforcement training program for state park managers and certain staff:

We supported LD 527 because the training program it establishes will help park staff better work with outside law enforcement agencies. It will create opportunities for cross training, more effective communication during emergency situations, and more opportunities for our members to engage in planning with the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

😊 **Action by Governor Mills:** She signed LD 527 into law.

LD 833 – Providing emergency communications specialists with the same retirement benefits as law enforcement officers. We support LD 833 because Emergency Communications Specialists are the linchpins of Maine's law enforcement services. LD 833 passed in both the House and Senate.

? **Action by Governor Mills:** LD 833 is on her desk.