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L.D. 376

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HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
129TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 285, L.D. 376, Bill, "An Act To Expand Health Insurance Options for Town Academies"

Amend the bill by adding after section 4 the following:

Sec. 5. Enrollment. An academy approved for tuition purposes in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, sections 2951 to 2955 that elects to enroll its employees in the group health plan in accordance with this Act may enroll in the group health plan on the first day of the month following the termination of the academy's prior group health plan, but no sooner than January 1, 2020. For an employee hired after January 1, 2020 or who becomes eligible for the group health plan based on a qualifying life event occurring after January 1, 2020, the employee may enroll in the group health plan on the first day of the month after the date on which the employee becomes eligible for enrollment.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment specifies that a town academy that elects to enroll in the group health plan available to state employees and other eligible persons may enroll in the group health plan on the first day of the month following the termination of the academy's prior group health plan, but no sooner than January 1, 2020. For an employee hired after January 1, 2020 or who becomes eligible for the group health plan based on a qualifying life event occurring after January 1, 2020, the employee may enroll in the group health plan on the first day of the month after the date on which the employee becomes eligible for enrollment.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 376

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An Act To Expand Health Insurance Options for Town Academies

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A (H-199)*

Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential future biennium impact- All Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Allowing employees of an academy approved for tuition purposes to be eligible for coverage under the state employee health insurance program could result in increased costs to an academy to cover the employer costs of participating in the program. Any potential costs to an academy will depend on the number of persons employed who elect for coverage and would be offset by elimination of costs from coverage already offered by an academy. According to data provided by the Department of Education, there are currently 10 town academies that are approved for tuition purposes. These 10 academies include 743 full time employees and 60 part time employees.

Including additional persons in the state employee health insurance program could result in increased costs or savings to the plan depending on the demographics and claim histories of those who join the plan. Any costs or savings would likely be reflected through changes in premium amounts in future fiscal years.