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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 637, L.D. 1996, Bill,
"AN ACT Relating to the Maine State Employees Accident and
Sickness or Health Insurance Plan."

Amend the bill by striking out all of the title and
inserting in its place the following:

'RESOLVE, Requiring the Commissioner of Business Regulation
to Study the Costs and Benefits accruing to the State as a
result of Self-insurance of all or Part of Group Health Insurance
Coverage.'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the
title and inserting in its place the following:

'Whereas, there may be substantial savings to the State by
providing that the State may self-insure part or all of the
group health insurance benefits provided by the State; and

Whereas, there are many factors to be considered in determining
whether such a plan would result in a cost saving while
ensuring that members of the group have comparable coverage and
other benefits; now, therefore, be it

Study by the Commissioner of Business Regulation. Resolved:
That the Commissioner of Business Regulation ^{shall} /direct a study with
the assistance of a committee which shall include the State Controller
the board of trustees who administer the state group accident
and sickness or health insurance and 2 state employees who shall

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be appointed by the commissioner. ~~_____~~ The commissioner shall provide assistance to the committee from bureaus within the Department of Business Regulation, consultants or actuaries as necessary, and be it further

Factors to be studied. Resolved: That the study shall include a consideration of at least the following factors:

- Cost.
 - 1./ The cost to the State and State employees;
- Quality.
 - 2./ The quality of service;
- Funding.
 - 3./ The funding of service;
- Claims.
 - 4./ The reporting and handling of claims; and
- Location.
 5. /Location of administrative functions, number, ~~←~~ → type and cost of personnel;

and such other matters as the commissioner may deem necessary, and be it futher

Report of Findings. Resolved: that the commissioner report his findings to the First Regular Session of the 109th Legislature with all recommended legislation in final draft form.

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to require the Commissioner of Business Regulation to study the costs and benefits accruing to the State as a result of self-insurance of all or part of group health insurance coverage.