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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
116TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to S.P. 535, L.D. 1561, Bill, "An Act to Collect Baseline Data to Facilitate Health Care Reform"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the emergency clause and inserting in its place the following:

**Sec. 1. Baseline data collection.** The Joint Standing Committee on Banking and Insurance, referred to in this Act as the committee, shall conduct a study to collect baseline data on health care.

**Sec. 2. Duties.** The committee shall hold meetings, ask questions and receive data on health care from a broad range of interested parties invited to present information to the committee. The committee shall seek answers, including the direct and indirect costs and cost trends, to the following questions about health care and any other information that the committee considers important to the charge of the committee.

1. What services are being provided by hospitals and at what cost? How could service be provided in the future and at what cost and what savings? How are hospitals financed?

2. What services are being provided by health care providers, including but not limited to physicians, chiropractors, mental health and allied health professionals, other health professionals and health clinics and centers and at what cost? What services could be provided in the future and at what cost?

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2 3. What services are being provided by present programs on  
the state and federal levels and at what cost? What services  
could be provided in the future and at what cost?

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6 4. What is the cost of health care services now? What will  
they cost in the future? Who pays what amounts, directly and  
indirectly?

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10 5. What does medical malpractice cost? What could it cost  
in the future? Are there recent changes in costs and practices?

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14 6. What is the data on health care access, geographic and  
demographic? What could the situation be in the future?

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16 7. What is the health care situation of uninsured persons?  
What are the costs of service to uninsured persons and are  
savings possible? What are the unmet health care needs of the  
18 people of the State? What are the costs of meeting unmet needs  
and are savings possible?

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22 8. What are the costs of prescription drugs and what could  
the costs be in the future? Are changes possible in the  
provision of and payment for prescription drugs?

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26 9. What are the costs of long-term care and what could the  
costs be in the future? Are changes possible in the provision of  
and payment for long-term care?

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30 10. What are the costs of home health care and what could  
the cost be in the future? Are changes possible in the provision  
of and payment for home health care?

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34 11. What are the status, present role and future of  
preventive care? What is the impact on health care, access and  
cost of preventive care?

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38 12. What is the status, present role and future of cost  
control methods, including but not limited to volume and  
intensity controls, primary care case management, centralized and  
40 uniform billing, claims processing and utilization review? What  
is the impact of these factors on health care, access and cost?

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44 13. What are the present role and future of health care  
treatment patterns? What is the impact of these patterns on  
health care, access and cost?

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48 14. What are the costs of workers' compensation medical  
services and what could the costs be in the future? What is  
their impact on health care, access and costs? What could be the  
50 financial impact of combining the workers' compensation medical

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2 system with the health care system? Could there be an effect on  
workers' compensation litigation from providing health care  
regardless of cause?

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6 15. What are the costs of auto insurance medical services  
and what could the costs be in the future? What is the impact on  
health care, access and cost? What could be the financial impact  
8 of combining the auto insurance medical system with the medical  
system?

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12 16. What are the costs of other insurance medical services  
and what could the costs be in the future? What is their impact  
on health care, access and costs? What could be the financial  
14 impact of combining the other insurance medical system with the  
health care system?

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18 **Sec. 3. Meetings.** The committee shall hold its first meeting  
on or before July 22, 1993 in Augusta and shall hold meetings at  
least once a month in Augusta until December 15, 1993. All  
20 meetings must be public meetings and include setting the agenda  
for the next meeting and identifying the parties to be invited to  
22 provide data to the committee.

24 **Sec. 4. Powers.** The committee may receive grants and hire  
consultants. The committee shall request staffing assistance  
26 from the Legislative Council. Consultation, information and  
assistance must be provided as required by the Maine Health Care  
28 Finance Commission, the Bureau of Insurance, the Department of  
Administrative and Financial Services, the Department of Human  
30 Services, the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation  
and the Workers' Compensation Board.

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34 **Sec. 5. Reimbursement.** The members of the committee are  
entitled to reimbursement for their expenses for the days of  
attendance at meetings upon request from the Executive Director  
36 of the Legislative Council, who shall administer the budget of  
the committee.

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40 **Sec. 6. Funding.** The Legislative Council may seek funding  
for the committee from outside sources and foundations. The  
Legislative Council may authorize the committee to develop  
42 funding proposals. Acceptance of outside funds obtained by the  
committee requires the review and approval of the Legislative  
44 Council.

46 **Sec. 7. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated  
from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.  
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6	Personal Services	\$ 5,720
	All Other	6,200
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10	TOTAL	<u>\$11,920</u>

12 Provides funds to the Legislature to collect  
14 baseline data to facilitate health care  
16 reform for the per diem and expenses of  
members and for miscellaneous expenses.

18 FISCAL NOTE

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20 APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

22	General Fund	\$11,920
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26 This bill provides a General Fund appropriation of \$11,920  
to the Legislature in fiscal year 1993-94 for the per diem and  
expenses of the Joint Standing Committee on Banking and Insurance  
28 to conduct a study to collect baseline data on health care. The  
Legislature is also authorized to seek outside sources of funding  
30 in order to hire actuaries or other consultants. The Legislature  
can absorb the costs of staffing this study if the meetings are  
32 held during the interim between sessions.

34 The Maine Health Care Finance Commission, the Workers'  
Compensation Board and the Departments of Professional and  
36 Financial Regulation, Administrative and Financial Services,  
Human Services and Mental Health and Mental Retardation can  
38 absorb the costs related to providing assistance and information  
to the committee within existing budgeted resources.'

42 STATEMENT OF FACT

44 This amendment replaces the bill and authorizes the Joint  
Standing Committee on Banking and Insurance to conduct a study to  
46 collect baseline data to facilitate health care reform. It  
changes a special committee with 3 persons appointed by the  
48 Governor to a committee study and deletes the advisory committee.

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The committee is charged with asking questions and receiving data on health care from a broad range of interested parties invited to present information to the committee. The committee is directed to meet at least once a month from July 23, 1993 to December 15, 1993. The committee is authorized to apply for and receive grants and hire consultants and to request staffing assistance from the Legislative Council.

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