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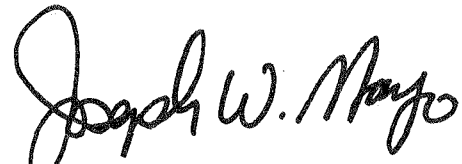
No. 477

H.P. 354

House of Representatives, January 28, 1997

An Act to Require that Health Insurance Benefits for School District Employees Be Subject to the Mandatory Bid Process.

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative PLOWMAN of Hampden.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BARTH of Bethel, NASS of Acton, PERKINS of Penobscot, WINSOR of Norway, Senators: ABROMSON of Cumberland, MITCHELL of Penobscot.

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3 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

4 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1001, sub-§14, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 1993,
5 c. 423, §1, is amended to read:

6 A. The requirement of competitive bidding may be waived by
7 a school board when:

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9 (1) In the opinion of the school board, an emergency
10 exists that requires the immediate procurement of
11 insurance. The emergency may include the premature
12 cancellation of an existing policy or acquisition of a
13 risk that can not be added to an existing policy,
14 including the signing of a lease. However, at the next
15 renewal of the policy, procurement of insurance is
16 subject to competitive bidding;

17 (2) After reasonable investigation by the school
18 board, it appears that the required insurance is
19 procurable from only one source;

20 (3) It appears to be in the best interest of the
21 school board to negotiate for the procurement of an
22 excess insurance line;

23 (4) The line of insurance is workers' compensation or
24 ~~an employee benefit such as life, disability or health~~
25 insurance in accordance with subsection 5; or

26 (5) The school board is in a municipal school unit and
27 school insurance and municipal insurance are purchased
28 as a package through competitive bidding by the
29 municipal government.

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35 **SUMMARY**

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37 This bill removes the waiver of competitive bidding
38 available to school boards for employee benefit insurance such as
39 life, disability and health insurance. It requires that school
40 boards purchase health insurance for employees through
41 competitive bidding.
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