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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1511, L.D. 2133, Bill, "An Act to Establish and Maintain an Immunization Information System"

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

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1064 is enacted to read:

§1064. Immunization information system

The department shall establish an immunization information system and require all immunization providers who participate in the department's immunization distribution system to submit to the department a record of each immunization administered.

The department shall adopt rules to implement this section. The rules must include, but are not limited to, provisions for: permitting a person or the parent or guardian of that person to choose not to be included in the system; the format for reporting information; the confidentiality of information in the system; penalties for unauthorized disclosure of information; immunity for good-faith disclosure of information; data transmission; and the confidentiality of information of persons who have chosen not to be included in the system, except that the department may have access to this information to control an outbreak of a disease preventable by immunization. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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The department may establish an immunization system. The department must pursue federal funding to support the cost of the information system. Any state match required to secure federal funding must be made available from existing budget resources.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

**FISCAL NOTE**

This bill authorizes the Department of Human Services to establish an immunization information system. The department has already begun to develop this system. This bill requires the department to seek federal funds for the cost of this system and to absorb any state match required to secure those federal funds within existing budgeted resources.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment directs the Department of Human Services to establish an immunization information system. It allows persons to choose not to be included in the system. It requires rulemaking regarding the opt-out process, confidentiality, penalties for unauthorized disclosure, immunity for good-faith disclosure, data transmission and department access to information on those persons who have chosen not to be included in the system to control an outbreak of a disease preventable by immunization. It delays implementation of the immunization information system until the receipt of federal funds. It also adds a fiscal note to the bill.