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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
119TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1857, "Joint Study Order to
Study the Creation of a Public/Private Purchasing Alliance to
Ensure Access to Health Care for all Maine Citizens"

20 Amend the order by striking out everything from the first
indented paragraph to the end and inserting in its place the
following:

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'ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Select
Committee to Study the Creation of a Public/Private Purchasing
Alliance to Ensure Access to Health Care for all Maine Citizens
is established as follows.

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1. Joint select committee established. The Joint Select
Committee to Study the Creation of a Public/Private Purchasing
Alliance to Ensure Access to Health Care for All Maine Citizens,
referred to in this order as the "committee," is established.

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2. Membership. The committee consists of the following 13
members:

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A. Three members of the Senate, appointed by the President
of the Senate, each of whom serves on the Joint Standing
Committee on Banking and Insurance; and

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B. Ten members of the House of Representatives, appointed
by the Speaker of the House, each of whom serves on the
Joint Standing Committee on Banking and Insurance.

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3. Chairs. The Senate and House chairs of the Joint
Standing Committee on Banking and Insurance are the chairs of the
committee.

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2 **4. Appointments; convening of committee.** All appointments
3 must be made no later than 30 days following passage of this
4 order. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive
5 Director of the Legislative Council once all appointments have
6 been made. When the appointment of all members is complete, the
7 chairs shall call the first meeting of the committee no later
8 than May 15, 2000.

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9 **5. Duties.** The committee shall:

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11 **A.** Examine the public policy, regulatory and legislative
12 issues related to the creation of a public/private
13 purchasing alliance, including, but not limited to:

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15 (1) The priorities and objectives of a purchasing
16 alliance;

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18 (2) The critical mass needed for an alliance to be
19 effective and the possible public entities that could
20 be included in an alliance;

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22 (3) The ability of private payers such as individuals,
23 small employers and large employers to join an alliance;

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25 (4) The use of community rating, separate risk pools
26 or other risk adjustment mechanisms in an alliance;

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28 (5) The governance and administrative structure of an
29 alliance; and

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31 (6) The benefit structure and choice of health plans
32 that should be offered through an alliance;

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34 **B.** Review the experience of other states or entities that
35 have established purchasing alliances;

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37 **C.** Recommend a model and strategies for the establishment
38 of purchasing alliances in this State;

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40 **D.** Examine the possibility of creating a pilot project for
41 a community-based health plan, including the statutory and
42 regulatory framework for such a project and the need for
43 state funds to cover potential losses incurred by the plan;
44 and

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46 **E.** Invite the participation of experts and interested
47 parties, including the Department of Professional and
48 Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance; Department of
49 Human Services, Bureau of Medical Services; the State
50 Employee Health Commission; the Maine Health Management

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2 Coalition; and the University of Southern Maine, Edmund S. Muskie School of Public Service.

4 6. Staff assistance. Upon approval of the Legislative Council, the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis shall provide
6 necessary staffing services to the committee.

8 7. Compensation. Members of the committee are entitled to receive the legislative per diem as defined in the Maine Revised
10 Statutes, Title 3, section 2 and reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses for attendance at meetings of the
12 committee.

14 8. Meetings. The committee shall hold 6 meetings, but if the committee requires additional meetings, it may apply to the
16 Legislative Council, which may approve additional meetings.

18 9. Report. The committee shall submit a report along with any recommended legislation to the First Regular Session of the
20 120th Legislature by December 1, 2000. If the committee requires an extension of time to make its report, it may apply to the
22 Legislative Council, which may grant the extension.

24 10. Committee budget. The chairs of the committee, with assistance from the committee staff, shall administer the
26 committee's budget. Within 10 days after its first meeting, the committee shall present a work plan and proposed budget to the
28 Legislative Council for its approval. The committee may not incur expenses that would result in the committee exceeding its
30 approved budget. Upon request from the committee, the Executive Director of the Legislative Council or the executive director's
32 designee shall provide the committee chairs and staff with a status report on the committee budget, expenditures incurred and
34 paid and available funds.'

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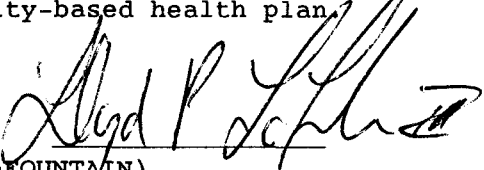
SUMMARY

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40 This amendment amends the order by including in the committee's duties the possibility of creating a pilot project
42 for a community-based health plan.

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46 (Senator LaFOUNTAIN)

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SENATE AMENDMENT