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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1864, "Joint Study Order Establishing the Joint Select Committee on School-based Health Care Services"

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

**ORDERED**, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Select Committee on School-based Health Care Services is established as follows.

**1. Committee established.** The Joint Select Committee on School-based Health Care Services, referred to in this order as the "committee," is established.

**2. Membership.** The committee consists of 5 members appointed as follows:

A. Two members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate; and

B. Three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House.

**3. Chairs.** The first Senate member named is the Senate chair and the first House member named is the House chair.

**4. Appointments; convening of committee.** All appointments must be made no later than 30 days following passage of this order. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council upon making their appointments. When appointment of all members is complete, the

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2 chairs of the committee shall call and convene the first meeting  
of the committee no later than June 30, 2000.

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

6 A. Review the current funding sources for school-based  
7 health care services in the State, including the ability of  
8 school-based health centers to receive reimbursement for  
their services from 3rd-party payors;

10 B. Examine the social and financial impact and the medical  
12 efficacy of mandating insurance coverage for school-based  
14 health care services with the technical assistance of the  
Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau  
of Insurance;

16 C. Examine the administrative costs and burdens to  
18 school-based health centers regarding billing of public  
payors and 3rd-party payors for their services;

20 D. Review the credentialing and other requirements imposed  
22 on health care providers and practitioners that relate to  
24 the ability of school-based health centers and practitioners  
in school-based health centers to bill 3rd-party payors or  
public payors for their services;

26 E. Recommend strategies for funding school-based health  
28 care services, including methods for public funding and  
3rd-party reimbursement for school-based health care  
30 services; and

32 F. Invite the participation of experts and interested  
34 parties, including the Department of Professional and  
Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance; the Department of  
Education; and the Department of Human Services, Bureau of  
36 Health.

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

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

48 **8. Meetings.** The committee shall hold 5 meetings, but, if  
the committee requires additional meetings, it may apply to the  
50 Legislative Council, which may approve additional meetings.

2           **9. Report.** The committee shall submit a report along with  
any recommended legislation to the Legislature by December 1,  
4           2000. If the committee requires an extension of time to make its  
report, it may apply to the Legislative Council, which may grant  
6           the extension.

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

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**SUMMARY**

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This amendment replaces the joint order. The amendment also  
24           changes the date at which the Joint Select Committee on  
School-based Health Care Services must convene from May 15, 2000  
26           to June 30, 2000. It also clarifies that members are compensated  
for their attendance only at authorized meetings of the committee.

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