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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P.  
964, L.D. 1277, Bill, "An Act to Establish a Single-payor Health  
Care System"

20 Amend the amendment on page 3 by striking out all of  
subsection 2 (page 3, lines 23 to 48 in amendment) and inserting  
in its place the following:

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24 '2. Duties of board. As its first priority, the board  
shall undertake a review to:

26 A. Determine what percentage of health care benefits are  
28 paid from automobile insurance, general liability insurance  
and workers' compensation insurance;

30 B. Assess what, if any, savings are associated with a  
32 simplified billing system;

34 C. Assess what, if any, savings would be realized by  
36 schools and correctional facilities with a single-payor  
system based on their current expenses for services related  
to health care such as occupational therapy, physical  
38 therapy and speech therapy; and

40 D. Assess what, if any, savings are associated with a  
single-payor system by comparing hospitals of similar size  
42 in the State and other states.

44 Other duties of the board include: implementing this chapter;  
promoting the purposes of the plan; setting reimbursement rates  
for participating providers; adopting rules necessary to

**SENATE AMENDMENT**

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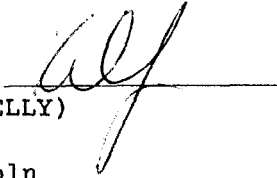
2 implement the plan; establishing systems for enrollment,  
3 registration of providers for participation, rate setting and  
4 contracts with providers of services and pharmaceuticals;  
5 developing budgets with hospitals and institutional providers;  
6 administering the revenues of the plan; employing staff as  
7 necessary to implement this chapter; developing plans and funding  
8 for training and assistance for workers in the health care sector  
9 displaced by moving to a single-payor health care system;  
10 addressing the unique issues related to the delivery of a  
11 single-payor health care system among the State's border  
12 communities and the impact on health care practitioners,  
13 providers and residents of those communities; and conducting  
14 public hearings annually or more frequently regarding resource  
15 allocation, revenues and services. The board may choose to  
16 organize subcommittees of its members to carry out the duties  
17 described in this subsection, except that a subcommittee may not  
18 take any action without a final decision by the entire board.  
19 Any action or decision of the board must be made by majority vote.  
20 The board shall stress prevention of disease and maintenance of  
21 health in the implementation of this plan and shall retain and  
22 strengthen existing health facilities whenever possible.'

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### SUMMARY

27 This amendment prioritizes the duties of the Health Security  
28 Board. The amendment requires the board to first determine the  
29 percent of health care benefits that are paid from automobile  
30 insurance, general liability insurance and workers' compensation  
31 insurance; assess what savings are associated with a simplified  
32 billing system; assess what savings schools and correctional  
33 facilities would recognize with a single-payor system based on  
34 their current expenses for occupational therapy, physical therapy  
35 and speech therapy; and assess what savings are associated with a  
36 single-payor system by comparing hospitals of similar size in  
37 Maine and other states.

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