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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
121ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 27, L.D. 20, Bill, "An Act to Extend the Authority of the Health Care System and Health Security Board"

Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause and before section 1 the following:

Sec. 1. PL 2001, c. 439, Pt. ZZZ, §1, sub-§1, first ¶ is amended to read:

1. Board established. The Health Care System and Health Security Board, referred to in this section as the "board," consists of ~~19~~ 20 members as follows:

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

Sec. 2. PL 2001, c. 439, Part ZZZ, §1, sub-§1, ¶G is amended to read:

G. A representative of each of the following, appointed by the Speaker of the House:

- (1) A statewide organization that represents Maine senior citizens;
- (2) A statewide labor organization;
- (3) A statewide organization of nurses;

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- 2 (4) Large hospitals in the State;
- 4 (5) The business community; and
- 6 (6) An organization representing the self-employed;
and
- 8 (7) The public.

10 Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 3 and
12 inserting in its place the following:

14 'Sec. 3. PL 2001, c. 439, Pt. ZZZ, §1, sub-§§6 to 9 are amended to
16 read:

18 **6. Staff assistance.** The board may contract with and
19 retain staffing and technical assistance from a health policy
20 organization. Upon approval of the Legislative Council, the
21 Office of Policy and Legal Analysis may provide necessary
22 staffing services to the board.

24 **7. Funding.** The board may seek and accept outside funding
25 through the public or private sector to advance its work and
26 support its activities, including, but not limited to,
27 legislative per diem and reimbursement of members for travel and
28 other necessary expenses, costs associated with public hearings,
29 printing expenses and postage. Funds may not be appropriated
30 from the General Fund to support any activity of the board.

32 **8. Compensation.** These Subject to the availability of
33 funds, those members of the board who are Legislators are
34 entitled to receive the legislative per diem as defined in the
35 Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2 and reimbursement for
36 travel and other necessary expenses related to their attendance
37 at meetings of the board. Subject to the availability of funds,
38 public members not otherwise compensated by their employers or
39 other entities whom they represent are entitled to receive
40 reimbursement of necessary expenses and, upon demonstration of
41 financial hardship, a per diem equal to the legislative per diem
42 for their attendance at meetings of the board.

44 **9. Report.** Based on its review, the board shall develop
45 recommendations regarding the implementation of a single-payor
46 plan to provide health care coverage to all citizens of this
47 State and shall submit its final report, together with any
48 necessary implementing legislation, ~~to the Second Regular Session~~
49 ~~of the 120th Legislature by March 1, 2002~~ for presentation to the
50 First Regular Session of the 122nd Legislature by November 1,
2004. If the board requires an extension of time to make its

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2 ~~report, it may apply to the Legislative Council, which may grant~~
3 ~~the extension.~~ The board shall submit an interim report,
4 together with any implementing legislation, to the First Regular
5 Session of the 121st Legislature by January 15, 2003. Upon
6 submission of the final report, the board may not take further
action unless further action is authorized by law.

8 **Sec. 4. Appropriations and Allocations.** The following
9 appropriations and allocations are made.

10 **LEGISLATURE**

11 **Health Care System and Health Security Board**

12 Initiative: Provides an allocation of Other Special Revenue
13 funds for expenses of the board if outside sources of funding are
14 received for this purpose.

15	Other Special Revenue Funds	2003-04	2004-05
16	Personal Services	\$1,925	\$1,375
17	All Other	\$7,700	\$6,000
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19	Other Special Revenue Funds Total	\$9,625	\$7,375'

20 Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any
21 nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
22 consecutively.

23 **SUMMARY**

24 This amendment is the majority report of the committee. It
25 allows the Health Care System and Health Security Board to
26 continue its work and submit a final report on November 1, 2004.
27 The amendment also adds a 20th member to the board who represents
28 the public and is appointed by the Speaker of the House of
29 Representatives. The amendment also clarifies that legislative
30 members and members who are not otherwise compensated are
31 entitled to the legislative per diem or reimbursement of expenses
32 if funds are available. The amendment also prohibits the board
33 from receiving funding from the General Fund for any purpose.

34 The amendment also adds an allocation section to the bill.

35 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**
36 (See attached)

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**121st Maine Legislature
Office of Fiscal and Program Review**

**LD 20**

**An Act to Extend the Authority of the Health Care System and Health
Security Board**

LR 0578(02)

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Insurance and Financial Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	2003-04	2004-05	Projections 2005-06	Projections 2006-07
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$9,625	\$7,375	\$0	\$0
Revenue				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$9,625	\$7,375	\$0	\$0

Legislative Study

Allocations of Other Special Revenue funds are required in fiscal year 2003-04 of \$9,625 and in fiscal year 2004-05 of \$7,375 to fund the general operating expenses of the board. Although this legislation states that funds may not be appropriated from the General Fund to support any activity of the board, if outside funding is not received, the per diem and expenses for legislative members will have to be paid out of the General Fund and other expenses will not be able to be incurred, including the printing of the required reports. The General Fund costs, without outside funding, are expected to be \$4,690 in fiscal year 2003-04 and \$3,850 in fiscal year 2004-05. The Legislature has budgeted \$30,000 in fiscal year 2003-04 and \$20,000 in fiscal year 2004-05 for legislative studies. Whether the amounts are sufficient to fund all the studies will depend on the number of studies authorized by the Legislative Council and the Legislature.