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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "F" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1187, L.D. 1611, Bill, "An Act To Provide Affordable Health Insurance to Small Businesses and Individuals and To Control Health Care Costs"

Amend the amendment in Part A, section 8 in that part designated "§6910." by inserting after subsection 6 the following:

'7. Optional coverage for public school teachers. The board shall establish an optional plan within Dirigo Health Insurance under which public school teachers may elect to be covered.

A. Under the optional plan, for any teacher that elects coverage under the plan:

(1) The State shall contribute 40% of the cost of health insurance coverage; and

(2) The teacher shall contribute 4% of that teacher's gross yearly salary derived from teaching to the Dirigo Health Fund established under section 6915.

B. The board shall apply all other provisions of this chapter not inconsistent with paragraph A to the optional plan authorized in this subsection.'

SUMMARY

This amendment requires that the Board of Directors of

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L.D. 1611

Dirigo Health offer an optional plan for public school teachers.
Under the optional plan, a teacher could elect coverage under
Dirigo Health and that teacher's contribution to the Dirigo
Health Fund would be 4% of the annual salary earned from teaching
and the State's contribution would be 40% of the cost of health
insurance coverage.

SPONSORED BY:

(Representative CRESSEY)

TOWN: Baldwin

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



121st Maine Legislature
Office of Fiscal and Program Review

LD 1611

**An Act To Provide Affordable Health Insurance to Small Businesses and
Individuals and To Control Health Care Costs**

LR 2137(15)

Fiscal Note for House Amendment " " to Committee Amendment "A"

Sponsor: Rep. Cressey

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Undetermined current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The additional cost to the state to contribute 40% of the cost of health insurance for public school teachers cannot be determined at this time and will depend on the number of teachers who elect to participate in the plan. The state currently pays a percentage of health insurance for retired teachers but not for active teachers. The savings to local school units can not be determined at this time but would be significant.