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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 777, L.D. 2014, Bill, "An
Act Protecting Youth from Losing Health Insurance Coverage"

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Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting
clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the
following:

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'Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §2742-A is enacted to read:

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§2742-A. Extension of coverage for dependent children

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Notwithstanding section 2703, subsection 3, an individual
health insurance policy that provides coverage for a dependent
child at certain ages only if the child is a student must
continue that coverage if the child is unable to remain enrolled
in school on a full-time basis due to a mental or physical
illness or an accidental injury. This coverage may be terminated
at the age at which coverage for students terminates under the
terms of the policy. An insurer may require, as a condition of
eligibility for continued coverage in accordance with this
section, that the student provide written documentation from a
health care provider and the student's school that the student is
no longer enrolled in school on a full-time basis due to a mental
or physical illness or accidental injury.

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Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §2833-A is enacted to read:

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§2833-A. Extension of coverage for dependent children

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Notwithstanding section 2822, a group health insurance
policy that provides coverage for a dependent child at certain

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 777, L.D. 2014

2 ages only if the child is a student must continue that coverage
3 if the child is unable to remain enrolled in school on a
4 full-time basis due to a mental or physical illness or an
5 accidental injury. This coverage may be terminated at the age at
6 which coverage for students terminates under the terms of the
7 policy. An insurer may require, as a condition of eligibility for
8 continued coverage in accordance with this section, that the
9 student provide written documentation from a health care provider
10 and the student's school that the student is no longer enrolled
11 in school on a full-time basis due to a mental or physical
12 illness or accidental injury.

13 Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA §4233-A is enacted to read:

14 §4233-A. Extension of coverage for dependent children

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16 An individual or group health maintenance organization
17 contract that provides coverage for a dependent child at certain
18 ages only if the child is a student must continue that coverage
19 if the child is unable to remain enrolled in school on a
20 full-time basis due to a mental or physical illness or an
21 accidental injury. This coverage may be terminated at the age at
22 which coverage for students terminates under the terms of the
23 contract. An insurer may require, as a condition of eligibility
24 for continued coverage in accordance with this section, that the
25 student provide written documentation from a health care provider
26 and the student's school that the student is no longer enrolled
27 in school on a full-time basis due to a mental or physical
28 illness or accidental injury.'

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32 **SUMMARY**

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34 This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment requires
35 insurers that provide coverage to dependent children at certain
36 ages only if the children are students to continue coverage for a
37 student who is unable to remain in school on a full-time basis
38 due to a mental or physical illness or accidental injury. The
39 amendment permits insurers to require the student to provide
40 written documentation from a health care provider and the
41 student's school that the student is no longer enrolled in school
42 full-time due to a mental or physical illness or accidental
43 injury.