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SENATE AMENDMENT “D” to H.P. 347, L.D. 431, Bill, “An Act To Enable the Dirigo Health Program To Be Self-administered”

Amend the bill in section 4 in §6904 in subsection 1 by striking out all of paragraph A (page 1, lines 31 to 33 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

‘A. The ~~5~~ 9 voting members of the board ~~must be~~ are appointed by the Governor, subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health insurance matters and confirmation by the Senate in accordance with this paragraph.

(1) Five members qualified in accordance with subsection 2-A, paragraph A are appointed by the Governor.

(2) One member qualified in accordance with subsection 2-A, paragraph A is appointed by the Governor and must be selected from candidates nominated by the President of the Senate.

(3) One member qualified in accordance with subsection 2-A, paragraph B is appointed by the Governor and must be selected from candidates nominated by the Speaker of the House.

(4) One member qualified in accordance with subsection 2-A, paragraph B is appointed by the Governor and must be selected from the candidates nominated by the Senate Minority Leader.

(5) One member qualified in accordance with subsection 2-A, paragraph B is appointed by the Governor and must be selected from candidates nominated by the House Minority Leader.’

Amend the bill in section 4 in §6904 by striking out all of subsection 3 and inserting the following:

‘3. **Terms of office.** Voting members serve 3-year terms. Voting members may serve up to 2 consecutive terms. Of the initial appointees, one member serves an initial term of one year, 2 members serve initial terms of 2 years and 2 members serve initial

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1 terms of 3 years. ~~The Governor shall fill any~~ Any vacancy for an unexpired term must be
2 filled in accordance with subsections 1 and 2 2-A. Members reaching the end of their
3 terms may serve until replacements are named.'

4 Amend the bill in section 11 in subchapter 4 in §6981 in subsection 5 by striking out
5 all of paragraph C (page 9, lines 7 to 10 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

6 'C. The superintendent shall complete a detailed review of the financial and actuarial
7 aspects of the self-administered plan, including, but not limited to, the presentation
8 and recommendations of the actuary and the audited financial statements of the self-
9 administered plan. The superintendent shall report the superintendent's findings and
10 any recommendations to the board and at a public meeting of the joint standing
11 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over insurance matters on or before
12 March 1st of each year.

13 D. The self-administered plan may not obligate the General Fund beyond that
14 amount appropriated by the Legislature.'

15 Amend the bill in section 12 by striking out the last sentence (page 11, lines 27 to 29
16 in L.D.) and inserting the following: 'One member must be appointed for a term of one
17 year, one member for a term of 2 years and 2 members for terms of 3 years.'

18 **SUMMARY**

19 This amendment changes the appointing authority for the members of the Board of
20 Trustees of Dirigo Health. The amendment requires the Governor to appoint 4 of the 9
21 voting members from recommendations made by the President of the Senate, the Speaker
22 of the House, the Minority Leader of the Senate and the Minority Leader of the House.
23 The amendment requires the Superintendent of Insurance to complete a detailed review of
24 the financial and actuarial aspects of the self-administered plan. It requires the
25 superintendent to report any findings and recommendations at a public meeting of the
26 joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over insurance matters and
27 to the Board of Trustees of Dirigo Health by March 1st of each year. The amendment
28 also adds language designed to protect the General Fund from any impact of this bill.

29 **SPONSORED BY:** 

30 (Senator DIAMOND)

31 **COUNTY: Cumberland**