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INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
125TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 333, L.D. 440, Bill, "An Act To Allow Employees of the Maine School of Science and Mathematics to Join the State's Group Health Plan"

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

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, this legislation permits employees of the Maine School of Science and Mathematics to join the State's group health plan; and

Whereas, immediate enactment of this legislation is necessary to allow the employees to enroll in health coverage for the 2011 plan year; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

Amend the bill by adding before the summary the following:

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.'

SUMMARY

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 440

LR 1098(02)

An Act To Allow Employees of the Maine School of Science and Mathematics to Join the State's Group Health Plan

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Insurance and Financial Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the State Employee Health Plan or to the Division of Employee Health and Benefits in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources. The Maine School of Science and Mathematics and its employees would continue to be responsible for the cost of premiums. Over time joining a larger pool of insured may provide additional stability and predictability to future premium rates.