**An Act To Improve Health Care Data Analysis**

L.D. 541

Date: (Filing No. H- )

**Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services**

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “      ” to H.P. 386, L.D. 541, “An Act To Improve Health Care Data Analysis”

Amend the bill in Part A by inserting after section 2 the following:

'**Sec. A-3. 22 MRSA §1406-A** is enacted to read:

**§1406-A. Reporting data to the Maine Health Data Organization**

The department shall report data from the cancer-incidence registry established pursuant to section 1404, including personally identifying medical or protected health information, to the Maine Health Data Organization in accordance with the joint rule adopted pursuant to section 8715-A. The data reported must be assigned a Maine Health Data Organization identifier and integrated with other Maine Health Data Organization data. The data reported may be released only in accordance with the rule adopted by the Maine Health Data Organization on release of data to the public pursuant to section 8707.

**Sec. A-4. 22 MRSA §2706, sub-§2-A** is enacted to read:

**2-A. Reporting data to the Maine Health Data Organization.**  The state registrar shall report data related to the registration of vital statistics, including personally identifying medical or protected health information, to the Maine Health Data Organization in accordance with the joint rule adopted pursuant to section 8715-A. The data reported must be assigned a Maine Health Data Organization identifier and integrated with other Maine Health Data Organization data. The data reported may be released only in accordance with the rule adopted by the Maine Health Data Organization on release of data to the public pursuant to section 8707.'

Amend the bill in Part A by striking out all of section 7 and inserting the following:

'**Sec. A-7. 22 MRSA §8715-A** is enacted to read:

**§8715-A. Reporting of cancer data and vital statistics data**

**1. Reporting; joint rule-making authority.** The organization and the Department of Health and Human Services may adopt a joint rule to require the reporting to the organization of data from the cancer-incidence registry established pursuant to section 1404 and data related to the registration of vital statistics pursuant to section 2701. The rule adopted pursuant to this section is a routine technical rule as described in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**2. Confidentiality of data reported.** Data reported to the organization in accordance with subsection 1 is the organization's data and must be protected by privacy and security measures consistent with health care industry standards. The data is confidential and may be released only in accordance with the organization's rule on release of data to the public adopted pursuant to section 8707. Any such cancer data or vital statistics data may be released only in accordance with the organization's rule adopted after the effective date of this subsection.'

Amend the bill in Part A in section 8 in §8718 by striking out all of subsection 3 (page 3, lines 7 to 10 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'**3. Terms.** Except for Legislators, members of the advisory committee appointed by the board serve 5-year terms except for initial appointments. Initial appointments must include one member appointed to a 3-year term, 2 members appointed to 4-year terms and 3 members appointed to 5-year terms. A member may not serve more than 2 consecutive terms. The terms of Legislators serving as members of the advisory committee coincide with their legislative term of office.'

Amend the bill in Part A in section 8 in §8718 by striking out all of subsection 4 (page 3, lines 11 and 12 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'**4. Compensation.** Except for Legislators, members of the advisory committee are eligible for compensation according to the provisions of Title 5, chapter 379.'

Amend the bill in Part A by inserting after section 8 the following:

'**Sec. A-9. Appropriations and allocations.**  The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**LEGISLATURE**

**Legislature 0081**

Initiative: Appropriates funds for the ongoing costs of Legislator participation on the Maine Health Data Organization Health Information Advisory Committee.

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| **GENERAL FUND** | **2021-22** | **2022-23** |
| Personal Services | $220 | $220 |
| All Other | $560 | $560 |
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| GENERAL FUND TOTAL | $780 | $780 |

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Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment adds language clarifying the authority of the Department of Health and Human Services to report cancer-incidence registry data and vital statistics data to the Maine Health Data Organization. The amendment provides authorization for the Maine Health Data Organization and the Department of Health and Human Services to jointly adopt a rule with respect to reporting this data to the Maine Health Data Organization and designates the data as confidential. The data may be released to the public only in accordance with the Maine Health Data Organization's rule governing release of data to the public.

The amendment also makes technical changes to clarify the terms and compensation of Legislators serving on the advisory committee established in the bill and adds an appropriations and allocations section for the costs of Legislator participation.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

**(See attached)**