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

‘**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1737, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 20, Pt. OO, §2 and affected by §4 and amended by c. 114, §2, is further amended to read:

4. Directed services. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 2, the director may provide insurance advice or services for family foster homes as defined in Title 22, section 8101, subsection 3; specialized children's homes, as defined in Title 22, section 8101, subsection 5; respite care providers as defined in Title 34-B, section 6201, subsection 2-A; the Casco Bay Island Transit District created by Private and Special Law 1981, chapter 22; the University of Maine System; the Maine Community College System; the Maine Maritime Academy; and the State's local workforce investment areas designated under the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998, Public Law 105-220. The director may provide insurance services for public schools as defined in Title 20-A, section 1, subsection 24 if the provisions of subsection 2 are met. Notwithstanding subsection 2, the director may provide insurance advice for public schools.’

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment authorizes the Director of the Bureau of General Services within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to provide insurance services to public schools if those schools meet certain criteria under existing law. The criteria include an authorization by law, approval by the Governor, the unavailability or unaffordability of coverage in the commercial insurance market and a strong public need for the services. Notwithstanding those criteria, the amendment authorizes the director to provide insurance advice to public schools.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)