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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 972, L.D. 1326, Bill, “An Act To Allow School Administrative Units To Seek Less Expensive Health Insurance Alternatives”

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 5-D by adding after paragraph G the following:

'H. If a group self-insurance program is established through an interlocal agreement with other school administrative units or municipalities established pursuant to Title 30-A, chapter 115, the group self-insurance program must be approved by the Superintendent of Insurance as a multiple-employer welfare arrangement pursuant to Title 24-A, chapter 81.'

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 3 to 5 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §1001, sub-§14, ¶D is enacted to read:

D. In order to facilitate the competitive bidding process in procuring health insurance for a school administrative unit's employees under this subsection, a school administrative unit may request from the insurer providing health insurance coverage to its employees and retirees loss information concerning all of that school administrative unit's employees and retirees and their dependents covered under the school administrative unit's policy or contract pursuant to Title 24-A, section 2803-A.

Sec. 4. 24-A MRSA §2803-A, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2003, c. 428, Pt. D, §1, is further amended to read:

2. Disclosure of basic loss information. Upon written request, every insurer shall provide loss information concerning a group policy or contract to its policyholder ~~or~~ to a former policyholder or to a school administrative unit pursuant to Title 20-A, section 1001, subsection 14, paragraph D within 21 business days of the date of the request. This subsection does not apply to a former policyholder whose coverage terminated more than 18 months prior to the date of a request.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. The amendment clarifies that any group self-insurance program for health benefits established by a school administrative unit with other school administrative units or municipalities through an interlocal agreement must be approved as a multiple-employer welfare arrangement pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 24-A, chapter 81. The amendment also removes provisions of the bill relating to the release of loss information and replaces them with a provision that allows an individual school administrative unit to request from its insurer loss information on its employees pursuant to the Maine Insurance Code as part of the competitive bidding process in procuring health insurance for the unit's employees and requires the insurer to release that loss information..