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**An Act To Allow School Administrative Units and Educational
Advisory Organizations To Participate in the State's Group Health
Plan**

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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JOSEPH G. CARLETON, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator ROSEN of Hancock.

Cosponsored by Senators: LANGLEY of Hancock, MASON of Androscoggin.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§1, ¶I**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 667, Pt. E, §2 and
3 PL 2003, c. 689, Pt. B, §6, is further amended to read:

4 I. Any licensed foster parent caring for a child or children in the foster parent's
5 residence whose care is reimbursed through the Department of Health and Human
6 Services for the period during which the child or children are in that foster parent's
7 care; ~~and~~

8 **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§1, ¶J**, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 667, Pt. E, §3 and
9 amended by PL 2007, c. 58, §3, is further amended to read:

10 J. Legislative employees that are recipients of retirement allowances from the Maine
11 Public Employees Retirement System based upon creditable service as teachers, as
12 defined by section 17001, subsection 42-; and

13 **Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§1, ¶K** is enacted to read:

14 K. Any employee of a school administrative unit as defined in Title 20-A, section 1,
15 subsection 26 or of an educational advisory organization as described in Title 30-A,
16 section 5724, subsection 9.

17 **Sec. 4. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§1-B**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2005, c. 636,
18 Pt. A, §1, is amended to read:

19 **1-B. Ineligibility.** Except as provided in subsection 1, paragraph K and subsection
20 11-A, members of the Maine Municipal Association, ~~members of the Maine Education~~
21 ~~Association~~ and employees of counties and municipalities and instrumentalities thereof,
22 including quasi-municipal corporations, are not eligible to participate in the group health
23 plan under this section.

24 **SUMMARY**

25 This bill provides that employees of school administrative units and educational
26 advisory organizations are eligible to participate in the group health plan that is available
27 to state employees and other eligible persons.