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Amend the bill by striking out section 1 and inserting the following:

‘Sec. 1 Legislature as employer group explored. Resolved: That the State Employee Health Commission, in consultation with Dirigo Health, shall evaluate and issue a report on the feasibility of enrolling the Legislature as an employer group in the Dirigo Health Program pursuant to Title 24-A, chapter 87. The evaluation must take special consideration of the effect of the Legislature's being part of the Dirigo Health Program on retirees who are Legislators and may not consider the inclusion of legislative employees and their dependents. The commission shall submit its report to the Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services by December 15, 2007 with any suggested legislation. The Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services is authorized to submit a bill concerning this report to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.’

SUMMARY

This amendment requires that the State Employee Health Commission consult with Dirigo Health in evaluating and issuing a report on the feasibility of enrolling the Legislature as an employer group in the Dirigo Health Program. The amendment clarifies that legislative employees are not included. The amendment also clarifies that the Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services may submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)