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An Act To Expand Health Insurance Options for Town Academies

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative DEVIN of Newcastle.
Cosponsored by Senator DOW of Lincoln.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§1, ¶J**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 438, §2, is further
3 amended to read:

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

7 **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§1, ¶K**, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 438, §3, is
8 amended to read:

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

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

13 L. Any employee of an academy approved for tuition purposes in accordance with
14 Title 20-A, sections 2951 to 2955.

15 **Sec. 4. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§1-B**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 438, §4, is further
16 amended to read:

17 **1-B. Ineligibility.** Except as provided in subsection 1, ~~paragraph~~ paragraphs K and
18 L and subsection 11-A, members of the Maine Municipal Association and employees of
19 counties and municipalities and instrumentalities thereof, including quasi-municipal
20 corporations, are not eligible to participate in the group health plan under this section.

21 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill makes an employee of an academy approved for tuition purposes in
23 accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, sections 2951 to 2955 eligible
24 for coverage under the group health plan available to state employees and other eligible
25 persons.