

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN

H.P. 285 - L.D. 376

An Act To Expand Health Insurance Options for Town Academies**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sec. 5. Enrollment. An academy approved for tuition purposes in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, sections 2951 to 2955 that elects to enroll its employees in the group health plan in accordance with this Act may enroll in the group health plan on the first day of the month following the termination of the academy's prior group health plan, but no sooner than January 1, 2020. For an employee hired after

January 1, 2020 or who becomes eligible for the group health plan based on a qualifying life event occurring after January 1, 2020, the employee may enroll in the group health plan on the first day of the month after the date on which the employee becomes eligible for enrollment.