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AN ACT EXPANDING MEDICAID COVERAGE OF SCHOOL-
BASED HEALTH CARE.

AMENDMENT

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The amendment strikes the language in the underlying bill and the associated fiscal impact.

The amendment results in a fiscal impact to the Department of Social Services (DSS) and municipalities related to school based child health services. The amendment requires DSS to (1) seek federal approval for a Medicaid waiver to provide coverage to all students at Title I schools and to all students who qualify for free or reduced-price lunch, regardless of if they would otherwise qualify for Medicaid, and (2) modify the Medicaid state plan to cover health care services in school nurse's offices for eligible students.

To the extent that towns are currently supporting services for newly covered students, towns will experience a revenue gain associated with 50% of the federal share of costs. If towns provide additional services to the newly covered population as specified by the bill, towns will incur associated costs (including potential administrative costs), which will be partially offset by the share of federal reimbursement.

This is also anticipated to result in (1) administrative costs to DSS of at least \$100,000 associated with increased claims, and (2) increased revenue to the state associated with 50% of the federal share of Medicaid

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claims for covered students and services.

This assumes the payment structure for services under the bill's expansion aligns with the current methodology. To the extent that the payment and reimbursement process varies under the waiver, the fiscal impact to the state and towns may be altered.

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