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CHAPTER 60**S.P. 656 - L.D. 1825****Resolve, to Study the Availability and Sources of Venture Capital in Maine**

Sec. 1. Finance Authority of Maine directed to study venture capital availability and sources. Resolved: That the Finance Authority of Maine is directed to review existing sources of venture capital in the State, to consider models of venture capital programs in other states and to consider the options for increasing access of Maine businesses to equity capital, particularly for smaller businesses and new ventures. The authority shall consider the structure and composition of a venture capital program and shall also consider potential tax and other incentives to encourage equity investment; and be it further

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That the Finance Authority of Maine shall submit a report on its findings along with recommendations for any necessary implementing legislation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over housing and economic development matters by February 1, 1995.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 61**H.P. 1055 - L.D. 1407****Resolve, Establishing a Study Concerning Parental Rights and Responsibilities in Cases of Domestic Abuse**

Sec. 1. Study. Resolved: That the following organizations form a study group to participate in examining the issues concerning parental rights and responsibilities in cases of domestic abuse and develop recommendations to be presented to the Legislature:

1. Maine Coalition for Family Crisis Services;
2. Family Law Section, Maine State Bar Association;
3. Maine Children's Alliance;
4. Maine Association of Mental Health Services;
5. Pine Tree Legal Assistance;
6. Maine Women's Lobby; and

7. Maine Commission on Domestic Abuse.

The study group shall invite participation by the Judicial Department, the Department of the Attorney General and the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Child and Family Services. The study group may invite participation by any other interested persons or organizations. The Maine Coalition for Family Crisis Services will serve as the coordinator of the study group; and be it further

Sec. 2. Issues. Resolved: That the study group examine and develop recommendations concerning:

1. Supervised visitations, including development of services and facilities to make supervised visitations possible;
2. Cost of providing supervised visitations, including responsibility for payment;
3. Batterers' treatment programs;
4. Effect on the judicial system; and
5. Any other issues the study group determines appropriate; and be it further

Sec. 3. Report. Resolved: That the study group provide a report of its activities, along with any accompanying legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters by January 15, 1995.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 62**H.P. 1069 - L.D. 1435****Resolve, Authorizing the Department of Education to Study the Provision of Greater Access to Public Schools for Students Enrolled in Approved Equivalent Instruction Programs**

Sec. 1. Department of Education to conduct study. Resolved: That the Department of Education is authorized and directed to conduct a study of how to provide greater access to public schools by home school students. The study must provide specific recommendations for legislation and must specifically review:

1. The current degree of access to public schools statewide by home school students;