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CHAPTER 14

S.P. 59 - L.D. 209

Resolve, To Establish a Stakeholder Group To Review the Maine State Grant Program

Sec. 1. Stakeholder group to review Maine State Grant Program. Resolved: That the Finance Authority of Maine, referred to in this resolve as "the authority," shall establish a stakeholder group, through a partnership with other appropriate entities, to work together to review the Maine State Grant Program, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 11612 and referred to in this resolve as "the program"; and be it further

Sec. 2. Participants. Resolved: That the authority shall invite the following to participate in the stakeholder group:

1. The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's designee;

2. The Chancellor of the University of Maine System or the chancellor's designee;

3. The President of the Maine Community College System or the president's designee;

4. A representative of Maine's private, nonprofit higher education institutions;

5. A Maine college or university student;

6. A representative of the Maine Compact for Higher Education;

7. A representative of the Maine Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators;

8. A representative of the Senator George J. Mitchell Scholarship Research Institute; and

9. Other interested parties at the discretion of the authority; and be it further

Sec. 3. Duties. Resolved: That the review must include, but is not limited to, the following:

1. A review of the history and efficacy of the program and any necessary changes;

2. Ideas to enhance the program in light of current and future higher education trends and needs;

3. Options to increase funding for the program in the face of increased higher education costs and declining state funding; and

4. Current and future grant and financial aid needs of Maine students and families; and be it further

Sec. 4. Report. Resolved: That, by December 1, 2011, the authority shall submit a written report of the findings of the review under this resolve and

any recommendations resulting from the review to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs. The joint standing committee may introduce a bill during the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature to implement the recommendations on matters relating to the review.

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CHAPTER 15

H.P. 204 - L.D. 251

Resolve, To Establish the Wilderness Rescue Task Force

Sec. 1. Wilderness Rescue Task Force. Resolved: That the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall establish the Wilderness Rescue Task Force to study the necessity and feasibility of establishing first aid stations and helicopter landing areas in remote locations where access and first aid supplies may not be readily available to search and rescue personnel; and be it further

Sec. 2. Wilderness Rescue Task Force members. Resolved: That the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall seek members to serve on the Wilderness Rescue Task Force that represent the Maine Forest Products Council, the Maine Hospital Association, LifeFlight of Maine and any other entity the department determines is necessary for the purposes of this resolve; and be it further

Sec. 3. Reporting date established. Resolved: That the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall report the findings and recommendations of the Wilderness Rescue Task Force, including proposed legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by February 1, 2012.

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CHAPTER 16

H.P. 458 - L.D. 628

Resolve, To Stagger the Terms of Members of the Maine Arborist Advisory Council

Sec. 1. Staggered terms for members of Maine Arborist Advisory Council. Resolved: That, notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7, section 2191, subsection 1, the terms of 4 members of the Maine Arborist Advisory Council described in Title 7, section 2191 that are due to expire in 2012 are extended on a one-time basis. The terms of 2 members, one representing an electrical transmission company and one representing a municipality, are extended for one additional year, and the terms of 2 members, one representing the governing council of a statewide professional organization for licensed arborists and one representing the public, are extended for 2 additional years.

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CHAPTER 17

H.P. 65 - L.D. 77

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Create a Resource Guide to Maine History Developed in Cooperation with Franco-American Specialists

Sec. 1. Department of Education to create a resource guide to Maine history developed in cooperation with Franco-American specialists. Resolved: That the Department of Education is directed to create, within existing resources, a resource guide to Maine history in cooperation with volunteer Franco-American specialists from the University of Maine System and from the Franco-American community; and be it further

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That the Department of Education periodically shall update the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs of the 125th Legislature on the number of hours dedicated by the department to the creation of the resource guide under section 1 and supply the committee with a copy of the final resource guide.

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CHAPTER 18

H.P. 78 - L.D. 92

Resolve, To Dedicate the Haystack Mountain Summit Trail to the Memory of Dustin J. Libby

Sec. 1. Dedication of Haystack Mountain Summit Trail. Resolved: That the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands shall place a sign at the trailhead of the public hiking trail leading to the summit of Haystack Mountain in the Town of Castle Hill in Aroostook County dedicating the trail to the memory of the late Corporal Dustin J. Libby, United States Marine Corps. The bureau shall install a memorial bench at the summit of Haystack Mountain in honor of Corporal Libby. Upon the bench must be affixed a plaque, the wording on which must be agreed to by the bureau and the family of Corporal Libby.

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CHAPTER 19 H.P. 184 - L.D. 231

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Resolve, Directing the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices To Adopt Routine Technical Rules Governing the Maine Clean Election Act and Equipment Repurchase

Sec. 1. Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to adopt rules. Resolved: That the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices shall adopt rules governing the Maine Clean Election Act so that equipment that has been purchased for a candidate's campaign using Maine Clean Election Act funds must be sold for at least 75% of the original purchase price if the equipment is sold to the candidate or a member of the candidate's immediate family or campaign staff. Rules adopted in accordance with this resolve are routine technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

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CHAPTER 20

S.P. 80 - L.D. 271

Resolve, To Direct the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Prepare a Deer Winter Feeding Strategy

Sec. 1. Deer winter feeding strategy. Resolved: That the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall prepare a comprehensive deer winter feeding strategy, including but not limited to a public outreach program regarding the winter feeding of deer; and be it further

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall report on the deer winter feeding strategy developed pursuant to section 1 and provide its findings, recommendations and any proposed legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by January 5, 2012.

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