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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-436)
110TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT"^Ato H.P. 1178, L.D. 1402, Bill, "AN ACT to Create a Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the Public Education Delivery System."

Amend the bill by striking out the preamble and inserting in its place the following:

'Preamble. Whereas, the quality of education is of the utmost concern to all citizens of the State; and

Whereas, the quality of classroom instruction and all the issues that surround it are of critical importance in the lives of children; and

Whereas, there is evidence of interest in the role of local school committees and their responsibilities; and

Whereas, there exists the possibility of enhancing the community-school relationship; and

Whereas, there is a need to look at the ever-widening responsibilities of the schools for matters not previously assigned to schools; and

Whereas, the State has a responsibility to provide leadership in education; now, therefore, '

Further amend the bill in section 2, last paragraph, 2nd line, (first and 2nd lines in LD) by striking out the words "with a vested interested in the outcome"

Further amend the bill in section 3 by striking out subsection 1 and inserting in its place the following:

'1. Examine the present delivery systems for public education. Examine the present delivery system for public education, including, but not limited to, the following areas:

- A. The quality of elementary and secondary classroom instruction and ways to improve it;
- B. Understanding by school committees ^{and boards of directors} / of their authority and role, and ways to improve their exercise of their authority;
- C. Methods to involve parents and the community more directly in public education; and
- D. The ever-widening responsibility of schools for matters not previously assigned to them; and'

Further amend the bill in section 3 by striking out all of subsection 2.

Further amend the bill in section 3 by renumbering subsection 3 to be subsection 2.

Further amend the bill in section 4, first paragraph,
 ← in the 3rd and 4th lines (2nd and 3rd lines in LD)
 by striking out the words and figure "90 days after the adjournment of the Legislature" and inserting / ^{in their} place '30 days after the effective date of this Act'

Further amend the bill in section 5, by striking out the 2nd sentence and inserting in its place the following: 'It shall report its full findings and all recommendations to the State Board of Education for its review by December 1, 1982. The board shall report the findings and recommendations, along with its own comments, to the Governor and Legislature no later than 30 days after the convening of the First Regular Session of the 111th Legislature.'

Further amend the bill in section 6 by striking out
from the end
the last 3 lines/(same in LD) and inserting in their place
the following:

Personal Services		\$ 7,500
All Other		7,500
	Total	<u>\$15,000</u>

Any unexpended funds for 1981-82
shall be carried over to 1982-83.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment clarifies and makes more specific the charge
of the special commission.

Reported by the Committee on Education.
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