

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Committee on Economic Development pursuant to Resolves 1985,
chapters 45 and 53.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Reference to the Joint Standing Committee on Economic
Development suggested and printing ordered under Joint Rule 18.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN

1 **Resolve, Establishing a Commission to Study**
2 **the Linkages between Education and**
3 **Economic Development.**
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5 **Commission on Education for Economic Development**
6 **established. Resolved:** That the Commission on Edu-
7 **cation for Economic Development, referred to as the**
8 **commission, is established as a joint legislative,**
9 **executive and private sector effort to study the**
10 **linkages between education and economic development,**
11 **to educate the public regarding the linkages and to**
12 **recommend the most effective methods for enhancing**
13 **economic development given the limited resources**
14 **available to finance educational program expansions;**
15 **and be it further**

1 **Membership. Resolved:** That the commission shall
2 consist of 17 members who shall include the Chancel-
3 lor of the University of Maine System; the Executive
4 Director of the Maine Vocational-Technical Institute
5 System; the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural
6 Services; the Commissioner of Labor; the Director of
7 the State Development Office; 8 members of the Legis-
8 lature, 4 to be appointed by the President of the
9 Senate and 4 to be appointed by the Speaker of the
10 House, so that there shall be 2 Legislators each from
11 the Joint Standing Committees on Appropriations and
12 Financial Affairs; Economic Development; Education;
13 and Taxation; and 4 representatives from the general
14 public to be appointed by the Governor; and be it
15 further

16 **Responsibilities. Resolved:** That the commission
17 shall undertake, but shall not be limited to, the
18 following tasks:

19 1. Conduct a study of the linkage between educa-
20 tion and the economy which shall:

21 A. Review recent research on this linkage;

22 B. Evaluate present education programs and new
23 program proposals;

24 C. Assess the education growth on a statewide
25 and regional basis;

26 D. Establish priorities among the many education
27 programs and new proposals based on their effects
28 on short-term and long-term economic growth; and

29 E. Evaluate the present methods and levels of
30 funding for education programs;

31 2. Develop a program to educate the public on
32 the importance of education to the State's economic
33 future which shall:

34 A. Provide a forum for educators, businessmen,
35 Legislators and representatives of the economic
36 development community, including community devel-
37 opment directors to discuss their needs; and be
38 it further

1 **Cooperation with the commission. Resolved:** That
2 all agencies and departments of State Government
3 shall cooperate with the commission and shall expedi-
4 tiously provide the commission with the information
5 and materials that it needs. The several campuses of
6 the University of Maine System and the Maine Voc-
7 ational-Technical Institute System shall make their
8 facilities available to the commissioner at their mu-
9 tual convenience to conduct the programs in the vari-
10 ous regions. The Maine Development Foundation shall
11 assist the commission in conducting the program; and
12 be it further

13 **Information gathering by educational agen-**
14 **cies. Resolved:** That the Chancellor of the Univer-
15 sity of Maine System, the Executive Director of the
16 Maine Vocational-Technical Institute System and the
17 Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services,
18 after the effective date of this resolve, shall each
19 immediately begin to assess their program needs and
20 the required financial support and report their find-
21 ings to the commission within 90 days of enactment of
22 this resolve; and be it further

23 **Organizational meeting. Resolve:** That the com-
24 mission shall hold an organizational meeting, called
25 by the chairman of the Legislative Council, within 30
26 days of the effective date of this resolve and shall
27 elect the chairman and vice-chairman at that meeting.
28 The chairman shall be elected from among the members
29 representing the general public. At the first meet-
30 ing, the commission shall develop an approach and a
31 schedule by which the purpose and issues as set forth
32 in this resolve, may be achieved and determine the
33 location of the hearings held for the purpose of in-
34 formation gathering and dissemination. The commis-
35 sion shall begin to implement the program immediately
36 after the organizational meeting and shall work
37 simultaneously and in concert with the information
38 gathering of the educational agencies; and be it fur-
39 ther

40 **Hearings. Resolved:** That the commission hold a
41 minimum of 4 hearings throughout the State at a time
42 convenient to the public to obtain information for an
43 economic development strategy and for economic devel-
44 opment goals and objectives for the State. The com-

1 mission may hold hearings in a manner deemed practi-
2 cable to submit proposals to the public for public
3 evaluation; and be it further

4 **Contract for services. Resolved:** That the com-
5 mission may contract for services within the con-
6 straints of its budget; and be it further

7 **Member reimbursement. Resolved:** That members of
8 the commission, including Legislators, but excepting
9 representatives of executive agencies or departments
10 and the University of Maine System and the Maine Voc-
11 ational-Technical Institute System, be paid a per diem
12 as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3,
13 section 2. Legislators serving on the commission
14 shall not be paid a per diem for commission meetings
15 while the Legislators are collecting legislative per
16 diem. Members representing the general public shall
17 be paid at a rate normally paid to state employees
18 for expenses, including travel, meals and lodging for
19 meetings and hearings of the commission. Legislative
20 members of the commission shall be paid expenses as
21 defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, sec-
22 tion 2, for meetings and hearings held outside Augus-
23 ta while the Legislature is in session. When the Leg-
24 islature has adjourned, the legislative members shall
25 be paid the statutorily defined expenses for meetings
26 and hearings held in or outside of Augusta. Members
27 representing executive agencies or departments shall
28 be paid expenses from the budget of the agency or de-
29 partment that the members represent; and be it fur-
30 ther

31 **Funding. Resolved:** That the Legislative Council
32 shall allocate from the Legislative Account, money
33 deemed sufficient by the council to achieve the pur-
34 poses of this resolve. The Executive Director of the
35 Legislative Council at each scheduled meeting, except
36 public hearings, shall provide the commission with an
37 account of the money expended by the commission and
38 the remaining money available for use by the commis-
39 sion up to the date of each meeting. Members of the
40 commission shall submit their vouchers of expenses
41 not later than 2 weeks from the date the expense is
42 incurred in order to qualify for reimbursement; and
43 be it further

1 Study. Resolved: That the Legislative Council
2 shall provide a minimum of one person to help staff
3 the commission; and be it further

4 Report. Resolved: That the commission make its
5 final report, including recommended legislation, to
6 the First Regular Session of the 114th Legislature;
7 and be it further

8 Appropriation. Resolved: That the following
9 funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry
10 out the purposes of this resolve.

11		<u>1987-88</u>
12	<u>LEGISLATURE</u>	
13	Personal Services	\$ 6,600
14	All Other	<u>18,400</u>
15	Total	\$25,000

16 STATEMENT OF FACT

17 This resolve, to carry out some of the recommen-
18 dations of the Joint Select Committee on Economic De-
19 velopment, establishes a commission to study the
20 linkages between education and economic development.

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