

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document No. 1866

S.P. 640 In Senate, June 15, 1987
Approved for Introduction by a Majority of the Legislative
Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial
Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President PRAY of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Senator PEARSON of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 Resolve, to Establish the Weatherization
2 Services Study Committee.
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4 Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts and resolves
5 of the Legislature do not become effective until 90
6 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies;
7 and

8 Whereas, there are over 40,000 low-income house-
9 holds on the waiting list for weatherization services
10 in the State; and

11 Whereas, serious operational problems exist in
12 the Low-income Weatherization Program as evidenced by
13 the fact that approximately \$100,000 in available
14 federal funds remained unspent for the program year

1 ended March 31, 1987, and no services are currently
2 being provided in several major service areas; and

3 Whereas, the effect of new regulations recently
4 proposed by the Division of Community Services are
5 unknown; and

6 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,
7 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of
8 the Constitution of Maine and require the following
9 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-
10 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
11 therefore, be it

12 Weatherization Services Study Committee. Re-
13 solved: That there is established the Weatherization
14 Services Study Committee.

15 1. Appointment. The Speaker of the House and
16 the President of the Senate shall appoint a study
17 committee to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of
18 the Low-income Weatherization Program administered by
19 the Division of Community Services.

20 2. Scope of study; report. The study will en-
21 compass program regulations, program operations, sys-
22 tems for program monitoring and oversight and any
23 other aspects of the program deemed appropriate by
24 the committee.

25 The committee shall submit a report to the Joint
26 Standing Committee on Audit and Program Review and
27 the Division of Community Services, by January 31,
28 1988. The report shall contain the committee's rec-
29 ommendations for ensuring that all available re-
30 sources are effectively and efficiently utilized to
31 provide weatherization services, that equitable lev-
32 els of service are provided throughout the State and
33 that consistent uniform standards are used to monitor
34 quality of services.

35 3. Membership. The study committee shall con-
36 sist of the following 9 members: Two Senators to be
37 appointed by the President of the Senate; 3 members
38 of the House of Representatives to be appointed by
39 the Speaker of the House; the Director of Community
40 Services or his designee; one member of the Maine

1 Community Action Association, one member of the Com-
2 munity Services Advisory Board and one public member
3 to be appointed jointly by the President of the Sen-
4 ate and the Speaker of the House.

5 A chairman shall be elected by a majority vote of the
6 committee.

7 4. Meetings. The committee shall meet at the
8 call of the director or the Division of Community
9 Services. Members shall be reimbursed for reasonable
10 expenses, to include expenses for travel, meals,
11 lodging and child care.

12 5. Compensation. The members of the commission
13 who are Legislators shall receive the legislative per
14 diem as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title
15 3, section 2, for days of attendance at commission
16 meetings.

17 6. Technical assistance; staff support. The Di-
18 vision of Community Services shall provide reasonable
19 technical assistance and staff support to assist the
20 study committee, using funds from the weatherization
21 training and technical assistance grant provided by
22 the United States Department of Energy; and be it
23 further

24 **Appropriation. Resolved:** That the the sum of
25 \$5,375 be appropriated from the weatherization train-
26 ing and technical assistance grant, to carry out the
27 purpose of this resolve.

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| 30 | Weatherization | Services | |
| 31 | Study Committee | | |
| 32 | Personal Services | | \$1,375 |
| 33 | All Other | | 4,000 |
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| 35 | Total | | <u>\$5,375</u> |

1 Provides funds for per-
2 diem and expenses for 5
3 meetings of the commit-
4 tee and for its re-
5 ports.

6 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited
7 in the preamble, this Resolve shall take effect when
8 approved.

9 STATEMENT OF FACT

10 This bill establishes the Weatherization Services
11 Study Committee to conduct a comprehensive evaluation
12 of the Low-income Weatherization Program, identifies
13 problems with program operations and makes recommen-
14 dations.

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