

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 2429

H.P. 1776 House of Representatives, March 3, 1988
Approved for introduction by a majority of the
Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.
Reference to the Committee on Education suggested and
ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative GOULD of Greenville.

Cosponsored by Senator ESTES of York, Representatives
BOST of Orono and MATTHEWS of Caribou.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 **RESOLVE, Establishing the Advisory Committee**
2 **on Education and Critical Issues for**
3 **State Decision Making.**
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5 **Advisory committee created. Resolved:** That
6 there is established the Advisory Committee on
7 Education and Critical Issues for State Decision
8 Making; and be it further

9 **Purpose. Resolved:** That the Legislature

1 recognizes that important economic, political, social
2 and environmental forces and institutions interact to
3 shape the future of the State. The Legislature
4 further recognizes that a basic understanding of the
5 interaction of those forces and institutions is
6 necessary for citizens to participate usefully in the
7 business world, in the political process and in other
8 important areas of personal decision making. The
9 Legislature further recognizes that elementary and
10 secondary students, especially in rural areas, may
11 need additional exposure to the forces and
12 institutions which shape decision making in order to
13 make informed life decisions. The purpose of this
14 resolve is to establish an advisory committee to
15 develop a model curriculum which schools may use to
16 provide that exposure; and be it further

17 **Membership. Resolved:** That the committee shall
18 consist of one Senator to be appointed by the
19 President of the Senate; 2 members of the House of
20 Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the
21 House; and one business representative, one
22 environmental representative, one member of the
23 Institute on Maine's Economy and one representative of
24 the Department of Educational and Cultural Services
25 all to be appointed by the Commissioner of Educational
26 and Cultural Services. All appointments shall be made
27 and notice of those appointments given to the
28 Executive Director of the Legislative Council within
29 30 days of the effective date of this resolve.
30 Members shall be compensated for their expenses
31 reasonably incurred in performing their duties;
32 legislative members shall receive the legislative per
33 diem. The committee shall select a chairman from
34 among its members; and be it further

35 **Duties. Resolved:** That the advisory committee
36 shall:

37 1. Develop a model curriculum for use by local
38 school administrative units;

39 2. Make the curriculum available to local school
40 administrative units;

41 3. Develop a method for evaluating the

1 implementation of the model curriculum; and

2 4. Encourage school administrative units to make
3 the model curriculum available to the adult community
4 as well as the student population; and be it further

5 **Sunset. Resolved:** That, unless extended by an
6 Act of the Legislature, the advisory committee shall
7 terminate on July 1, 1993. The commissioner shall
8 report to the Legislature by January 15, 1993, on the
9 status and operation of the advisory committee; and be
10 it further

11 **Appropriation. Resolved:** That the following
12 funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry
13 out the purposes of this resolve.

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16 Advisory Committee on Education
17 and Critical Issues for State
18 Decision Making

19	Personal Services	\$ 660
20	All Other	3,750
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22	Total	<u>\$4,410</u>

23 Provides funds for per
24 diem for legislative
25 members; expenses for
26 all commission
27 members; 4 meetings;
28 including one public
29 hearing; and the
30 report.

31 STATEMENT OF FACT

32 Recognizing the interrelationship of economic,
33 political, social and environmental forces shaping the

1 future of Maine and its citizens, this resolve
2 establishes an advisory committee charged with the
3 responsibility of developing a model curriculum which
4 school units may adopt or adapt to expose their
5 students to the workings of those forces.

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