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L.D. 1034

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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
114TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 389, L.D. 1034, "Resolve, to Establish a Blue Ribbon Task Force to Promote Equity of Opportunity for Women in the Public School System"

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the emergency preamble and before the emergency clause and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. Task force established; membership. Resolved: That there is created the Blue Ribbon Task Force to Promote Equity of Opportunity for Women in the Public School System. The task force shall consist of 19 members appointed as follows: 2 members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate; 2 members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; 2 members of the Joint Standing Committee on Education to be appointed by the chairs of that committee; 2 members to be appointed by the Governor; one representative of the State Board of Education to be appointed by the board; one representative of the Maine School Superintendents Association to be appointed by that association; one representative of the Maine School Boards Association to be appointed by that association; one representative of the Maine Teachers Association to be appointed by that association; one representative of the Maine Federation of Teachers to be appointed by that federation; one representative of the Maine Secondary School Principals' Association to be appointed by that association; one representative of the Maine Elementary Principals' Association to be appointed by that association; one member of the Maine Human Rights Commission to be appointed by the chair of that commission; one representative of the Department of Educational and Cultural Services to be appointed by the commissioner of that department; one representative of the Maine Commission for Women to be appointed by the chair of that commission; and one representative of the Maine Women's Lobby to be appointed by that organization. At the first meeting the task force shall elect a chair and cochair from among its members; and be it further

Sec. 2. Study. Resolved: That the task force shall study the representation and underrepresentation of women in the

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1 public school system, review practices and the causes of those
2 practices that present barriers to women achieving administrative
3 positions and recommend measures calculated to correct any
4 inequities found. The task force may conduct hearings, develop
5 surveys or utilize any other forum to gather data and make
6 recommendations; and be it further

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8 **Sec. 3. Convening of task force. Resolved:** That all appointments
9 shall be completed no later than 30 days after the effective date
10 of this resolve. As soon as the appointments are completed, the
11 Chair of the Legislative Council shall convene the first meeting
12 of the task force. The task force shall meet at least 6 times,
13 and more frequently if necessary, to perform the duties assigned
14 to the task force; and be it further

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16 **Sec. 4. Staff; compensation. Resolved:** That, except state
17 employees, the task force members shall receive the legislative
18 per diem as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3,
19 section 2, for days in attendance at commission meetings. All
20 members shall receive reimbursement for expenses incurred in
21 performing their task force duties upon application to the
22 Legislative Council. The task force may contract for the
23 services of independent consultants, researchers and support
24 staff as necessary to complete its study; and be it further

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26 **Sec. 5. Report. Resolved:** That a report outlining the
27 findings and recommendations, including any necessary
28 implementing legislation, of the task force shall be submitted to
29 the Governor and to the Second Regular Session of the 114th
30 Legislature no later than February 15, 1990; and be it further

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32 **Sec. 6. Appropriation. Resolved:** That the following funds are
33 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of
34 this resolve.

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39 **Blue Ribbon Task Force To Promote
40 Equity of Opportunity For Women in
41 the Public School System**

42	Personal Services	\$7,040
43	All Other	42,960
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45	TOTAL	<u>\$50,000</u>

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47 Provides funds for per diem and meeting
48 expenses for task force members, public
49 hearings and the final report and to
50 contract for consultant or research
51 services.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment makes technical changes in the original bill to:

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1. Delete one legislative member and add a State Board of Education member, require appointments to be made within 30 days and provide for election of a chair and cochair from among the members;

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2. Change the reporting date from March 15, 1990 to February 15, 1990; and

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3. Authorize the task force to hire consultants, researchers and other support staff.

Reported by Senator Bost for the Committee on Education.
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