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In Senate, April 25, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Education suggested and ordered printed.

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JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRAWN of Knox.

Cosponsored by Representative RICHARDS of Hampden, Senator GOULD of Waldo and Senator BERUBE of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

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

Resolve, to Establish a Select Study Commission to Study Educational Voucher Systems .

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1 Study Commission created and charged. Resolved: That there is established the Select Study Commission on Educational Voucher The commission shall study the impact of a voucher 3 Systems. system on the educational system of the State. Voucher systems give parents the choice to send their children to a school of 5 their preference without requiring parents to pay twice for a The commission shall examine the schedules 7 child's education. and costs of our existing educational system and examine the 9 merits of alternative voucher systems; and be it further

Membership. Resolved: That the commission shall consist of 11 12 members to be appointed within 30 days of the effective date 2 Senators appointed by the President of the 13 of this resolve: Senate, one Democrat and one Republican; 2 members of the House 15 of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Democrat and one Republican; Representatives, one and 6 nonlegislative members appointed by the Governor, including 2 17 representatives from public schools, 2 representatives from private schools, one representative who is a principal of a 19 public school and one representative who is a principal of a 21 private school; the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services; and a member of an independent school association; and be it further 23

- 25 Convening of commission. Resolved: That, when the appointment of all commission members is complete, the Governor shall call the first meeting within 30 days. At the first meeting, the members shall elect a chair and other officers; and be it further
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Report. Resolved: That the commission shall submit its report, together with any necessary implementing legislation, to the 114th Legislature no later than December 1, 1989; and be it further

35 Staff compensation. Resolved: That the commission may request necessary staff assistance from the Legislative Council. Members 37 of the commission who are Legislators shall receive legislative per diem for days in attendance. All members of the commission, 39 except employees of State Government, shall receive reimbursement for expenses upon application to the Executive Director of the 41 Legislative Council; and be it further

43 Appropriation. Resolved: That the following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of
45 this Act.

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1 Personal Services \$1,320 5,600 3 All Other LEGISLATURE 5 TOTAL \$6,920 7 STATEMENT OF FACT 9 11 This resolve provides for a legislative study of the merits and impacts of educational voucher systems. The general purpose

of the study is to determine whether the use of vouchers to provide parents with a wider range of choices would be desirable.

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