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L.D. 1469

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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
114TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 534, L.D. 1469, "Resolve,
to Establish the School Organization Study Committee"

Amend the resolve by inserting after the title and before
section 1 the following:

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts and resolves of the
Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after
adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, several alternative methods of organizing school
administrative units exist under current law; and

Whereas, the laws governing the various types of school
organizations are often unclear or confusing and sometimes result
in inequities or disparate treatment between communities within
the same school administrative unit; and

Whereas, there has not been a comprehensive review of the
laws governing the organization of school administrative units in
many years; and

Whereas, each year several legislative proposals are
introduced to make piecemeal changes in the school organization
laws; and

Whereas, there is need for an immediate, comprehensive
study of the laws governing the organization of school
administrative units; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
safety; now, therefore, be it'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 534, L.D. 1469

1 Further amend the resolve in section 1 in the 7th line (page
2 1, line 7 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "schools"
3 the following: ', including, but not limited to, review of the
4 impact of cost-sharing agreements between municipalities, budget
5 approval procedures and other issues raised in recent legislative
6 initiatives'

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8 Further amend the resolve by striking out all of section 2
9 (page 1, lines 15 to 25 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the
10 following:

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12 **'Sec. 2. Committee membership. Resolved:** That the committee
13 shall be comprised of the following 12 members: the Commissioner
14 of Educational and Cultural Services or the commissioner's
15 designee; 3 Legislators from legislative districts which are part
16 of special school administrative districts, at least one of whom
17 serves on the Joint Standing Committee on Education, to be
18 appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker
19 of the House of Representatives; one State Board of Education
20 member appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the
21 Speaker of the House of Representatives; and 2 school
22 superintendents; one school business manager; one local school
23 board member; one municipal manager; one municipal finance
24 director and one selectman, all to be appointed jointly by the
25 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
26 Representatives and all with experience in special school
27 administrative districts; and be it further'

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29 Further amend the resolve in section 4 in the 3rd and 4th
30 lines (page 1, lines 38 and 39 in L.D.) by striking out the
31 following: "December 15, 1989" and inserting in its place the
32 following: 'January 15, 1990'

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34 Further amend the resolve by striking out all of section 6
35 and inserting in its place the following:

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37 **'Sec. 6. Appropriation.** That the following funds are
38 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of
39 this resolve.

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41 **1989-90**

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45 **Study Commission - Funding**

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47 Personal Services \$990
48 All Other 5,450

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50 Provides funds for the per diem, meeting and
51 related expenses of the School Organization
Study Committee.

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\$6,440

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Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve shall take effect when approved.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment retains the purpose of the original resolve while expanding and clarifying several points. First, the duties of the committee are defined in greater detail. Second, the membership provisions are revised to include the possibility of legislative members other than education committee representatives, to ensure familiarity with special district organization on the part of legislative members and to add representation from the State Board of Education and on the part of school superintendents. Finally, the reporting date is changed from December 15, 1989, to January 15, 1990.

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Reported by Senator Gill for the Committee on Education.
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