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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B " to S.P. 561, L.D. 1564, "Resolve, Creating the Special Commission to Study and Evaluate the Status of Education Reform in Maine"

Amend the resolve in section 1 by striking out all of subsection 1 and inserting in its place the following:

'1. The special commission shall review the 1984 report of the Commission on the Status of Education in Maine and other relevant national and state reports, including the 1987 report of the Special Commission to Study Teacher Training, the 1988 report of the Special Commission on Early Childhood Development and Education and the 1989 report of the Special Commission to Study School Funding and State Tax Law. The commission shall compare the educational policy areas identified in the reports as needing improvement with the education reform measures instituted in Maine since 1984.'

Further amend the resolve in section 1 in subsection 2 by striking out all of paragraph E and inserting in its place the following:

'E. Other legislative and administrative education reform measures proposed since 1984, such as early childhood education initiatives, school restructuring efforts and attempts to develop a common core of instruction.'

Further amend the resolve in section 1 in subsection 4 by adding after paragraph B the following:

'C. The use of school instructional time;'

Further amend the resolve in section 1 in subsection 4 by relettering the paragraphs to read alphabetically.

Further amend the resolve in section 1 in subsection 6 in

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2 paragraph B in the last line (page 3, line 16 in L.D.) by
striking out the following: "; and" and inserting in its place
the following: ','

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6 Further amend the resolve in section 1 in subsection 6 in
paragraph C in the last line (page 3, line 20 in L.D.) by
striking out the following: "be it further"

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10 Further amend the resolve in section 1 in subsection 6 by
inserting at the end the following:

12 'D. Meet with the Joint Standing Committee on Education,
officials in the executive branch involved in education
14 policy making and representatives of interested education
constituencies to gain their perspectives on the review of
16 education reform; and be it further'

18 Further amend the resolve by striking out all of section 2
and inserting in its place the following:

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22 'Sec. 2. Appointment. Resolved: That the commission shall
consist of 19 members, appointed in the following manner:

24 1. Four Legislators who are members of the Joint Standing
Committee on Education selected by the chairs of that committee;

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28 2. Two representatives of the Department of Educational and
Cultural Services selected by the Commissioner of Educational and
Cultural Services;

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32 3. One representative of the State Board of Education
selected by the State Board of Education and one representative
of institutions of higher education selected by the Maine Higher
34 Education Council;

36 4. Two school teachers and 2 school principals representing
elementary and secondary schools, one school board member and one
38 school superintendent selected by the statewide professional
organization representing each of those groups;

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42 5. One municipal official selected by the Maine Municipal
Association;

44 6. One representative of business and industry selected by
the Maine Chamber of Commerce and Industry and one representative
46 of labor selected by the chairs of the Joint Standing Committee
on Education from lists of nominees submitted by labor
48 organizations; and

50 7. Two public members selected by the Governor.

52 All members shall possess experience, expertise or interest
in education and educational reform issues. Appointments must

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2 be made as far as practicable to achieve geographical diversity
and, where applicable, diversity in the size of the school
4 district, town or business represented; and be it further'

6 Further amend the resolve in section 3 in the 5th line (page
4, line 12 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "chair"
the following: 'and the cochair'

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10 Further amend the resolve in section 3 in the 2nd paragraph
in the first line (page 4, line 15 in L.D.) by inserting after
the word: "chair" the following: 'and the cochair'

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14 Further amend the resolve by striking out all of section 4
and inserting in its place the following:

16 '**Sec. 4. Report. Resolved:** That the special commission, shall
18 present its initial findings, together with any recommended
legislation, in an interim report by March 1, 1991. The final
20 report of the commission, together with any recommended
legislation must be presented to the First Regular Session of the
22 115th Legislature and the Joint Standing Committee on Education
with a copy to the Office of the Executive Director of the
24 Legislative Council by December 1, 1991. The commission in its
final report, in addition to assessing past educational reform
26 measures and recommending what ought to be retained, changed or
eliminated, may recommend broad goals for future educational
reform based on its assessment and shall make recommendations on
28 the need for and method of establishing a process for the
assessment of future reform measures.

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32 The final report of the commission shall be widely
disseminated to the public, affected constituencies and officials
34 through public meetings, media exposure and use of the
Interactive Television System of the University of Maine System;
and be it further'

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38 Further amend the resolve in section 5 in the 5th and 6th
lines (page 4, lines 41 and 42 in L.D.) by striking out the
following: "The Department of Educational and Cultural Services"
40 and inserting in its place the following: 'Agencies of State
Government'

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44 Further amend the resolve by striking out all of section 7
and inserting in it place the following:

46 '**Sec. 7. Funding. Resolved:** That the Legislative Council, on
48 behalf of the Joint Standing Committee on Education, may seek
outside sources of funding to finance the study provided in this
Act. The Legislative Council shall administer any outside funds
50 acquired for the conduct of the study. Expenditures may not be
incurred that have an impact on the General Fund. Expenditures
52 may not be incurred relative to this study unless the outside
sources of funding have been received by the Legislative Council.'

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2 Further amend the resolve by inserting before the statement
of fact the following:

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FISCAL NOTE

8 Due to the provisions in section 7 of this resolve, the
study authorized will have no fiscal impact on the General Fund.
10 Conducting this study is contingent upon the Legislative Council
procuring nonstate resources.

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14 The cost to agencies of State Government of providing
information, as outlined in section 5, is expected to be absorbed
within existing, budgeted resources.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

20 This amendment makes several changes in the resolve to
clarify the makeup and duties of the Special Commission to Study
22 and Evaluate the Status of Educational Reform in Maine. The
membership is increased from 18 to 19 members and the appointment
24 process is changed. Provision is made for a cochair and the
reporting requirements are stated more clearly.

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28 This amendment makes it clear that funding for the study
must be from outside sources. The Legislative Council is
authorized to seek such funds and to administer the funds
30 acquired.

Reported by Senator Gill for the Committee on Education.
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