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## STATE OF MAINE SENATE 115TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "<sup>A</sup>" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 14 154, L.D. 366, Bill, "An Act to Appropriate Funds for a Study of the Effectiveness of Education Reform in Maine"

Amend the amendment in section 3 in that part designated 18 "Sec. 4." in the 3rd line (page 2, line 31 in amendment) by striking out the following: "<u>December</u>" and inserting in its place 20 the following: '<u>November</u>'

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

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'Sec. 4. Resolve 1989, c. 88, §5 is amended to read:

Sec. 5. Assistance. Resolved: That the special commission may 28 hire consultants or researchers to assist in performing its duties, subject to the provisions of section 7. With the 30 approval of the Legislative Council, the special commission may apply for grants or technical assistance from public or private 32 organizations. Agencies of State Government shall provide information requested by the special commission. In conducting 34 surveys and policy research, the special commission may request assistance from the University of Maine System. If-additionalstaff-assistance-is-desired,-assistance-may-be-requested-from-the 36 Legislative-Geuncil The Legislative Council may not provide staff 38 assistance to the special commission; and be it further

40 42 Sec. 5. Resolve 1989, c. 88, §7 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

	Sec. 7. Funding.	<b>Resolved:</b>	That the Legis	slative Council	<u>may</u>
44	seek outside sources				
	special commission.	The Legis	lative Council	may authorize	<u>the</u>
46	special commission	to deve	olop funding	proposals.	<u>The</u>

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Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall review and approve any proposal before its submission to a funding source. 2 Prior to approving a funding source, the Legislative Council shall examine whether accepting funds from this source will risk 4 the appearance of or actual undue influence on the study. If the Legislative Council determines that accepting funds from the 6 source will cause this risk, the Legislative Council may not approve the funding source. The Legislative Council shall 8 administer any outside funds acquired for the conduct of the 10 study. Administration of these funds includes the authority for the Executive Director of the Legislative Council to approve or disapprove any contract for assistance to the study in accordance 12 with guidelines adopted by the Legislative Council.' 14

Further amend the amendment by renumbering the sections to 16 read consecutively.

## STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment changes the reporting date of the Special Commission to Study and Evaluate the Status of Education Reform in Maine, requires Legislative Council approval of funding sources and provides for no staffing assistance from the Legislative Council.

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