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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
115TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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

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

'Sec. 1. Resolve 1989, c. 88, §1, sub-§§3 to 5 are repealed and the following enacted in their place:

3. The special commission shall develop a method to evaluate the effectiveness of education reform in meeting the educational needs of people of the State, including the integration and coordination of various aspects of reform.

4. The special commission shall conduct an overall assessment of the current state of education in this State and the effect education reform efforts have had, including:

A. The changes resulting from education reform measures in the formation of educational policy at the state and local level;

B. The content of educational programming;

C. The use of school instructional time;

D. Educational outcomes, including appropriate measures of outcome;

E. The coordination and effectiveness of preservice training programs and professional development opportunities for educators;

F. The current status of educator certification requirements;

- 2 G. The availability and morale of educators;
- 4 H. The impact on raising student and family aspirations;
- 6 I. The impact on local school districts; and
- 8 J. Changes in school funding.

10 4-A. Based on its evaluation of the overall effectiveness
12 of reform efforts and assessment of the current status of
14 education in the State, the special commission shall make
16 recommendations for future educational improvements, including,
but not limited to, development of comprehensive education goals,
changes in school governance and organization, establishment of a
core of learning and changes in educational funding.

18 5. The special commission shall examine the need for and
20 appropriate method of instituting a system of ongoing review and
22 assessment of current and future education reform efforts,
including the possibility of establishing an independent office
of educational oversight or a permanent legislative review
committee.

24 **Sec. 2. Resolve 1989, c. 88, §1, sub-§6, ¶B is repealed.**

26 **Sec. 3. Resolve 1989, c. 88, §4, first ¶ is amended to read:**

28 **Sec. 4. Report. Resolved:** That the special commission shall
30 present its initial findings, together with any recommended
32 legislation, in an interim report by March December 1, 1991. The
34 final report of the commission, together with any recommended
36 legislation, must be presented to the First Regular Session of
the ~~115th~~ 116th Legislature and the Joint Standing Committee on
Education with a copy to the Office of the Executive Director of
the Legislative Council by ~~December~~ November 1, 1991 1992. The
38 commission in its final report, in addition to assessing past
educational reform measures and recommending what ought to be
40 retained, changed or eliminated, may shall recommend broad goals
42 for future educational reform based on its assessment and shall
make recommendations on the need for and method of establishing a
process for the assessment of future reform measures.

44 **Sec. 4. Resolve 1989, c. 88, §7, last 2 sentences are repealed.**

46 **Sec. 5. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated
48 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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**Student Financial Aid Transition
Advisory Committee**

Personal Services	(\$385)
All Other	(8,577)
TOTAL	<u>(\$8,962)</u>

Provides for the deappropriation of funds no longer required for the Student Financial Aid Transition Advisory Committee.

**Special Commission to Study and Evaluate
the Status of Education Reform in Maine**

Personal Services	\$2,640
All Other	6,322
TOTAL	<u>\$8,962</u>

Provides funds to the Special Commission to Study and Evaluate the Status of Education Reform in Maine for the per diem and expenses of legislative members, expenses of other members and miscellaneous commission expenses. These funds do not lapse and may be used to match grants from private and other organizations.

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TOTAL**

\$0

FISCAL NOTE

This bill provides a General Fund appropriation of \$8,962 to the Legislature in fiscal year 1991-92 for the per diem and expenses of legislative members and the expenses of other members of the Special Commission to Study and Evaluate the Status of Education Reform in Maine and deappropriates funds no longer required by the Student Financial Aid Transition Advisory Committee in that same amount.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment replaces the original bill and amends the resolve creating the Special Commission to Study and Evaluate the Status of Education Reform in Maine. The amendment redefines the charge to the commission, changes the reporting dates, authorizes the use of state funds to carry out the study and deappropriates money from the account of a completed study to carry out this study.

REported by Senator Brawn for the Committee on Education.
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