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STATE OF MAINE  
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115TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT " A " to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 548, L.D. 1452, "Resolve, to Create the Commission to Study the History, Status, Impact and Role of Independent Higher Education in Maine"

Amend the amendment on the first page by striking out all of the last paragraph (page 1, lines 43 to 46 in amendment) and inserting in its place the following:

'Further amend the resolve in section 6 in the 3rd line (page 2, line 42 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "duties" the following: ', subject to section 8'

Further amend the resolve by striking out all of section 8 and inserting in its place the following:

**'Sec. 8. Funding. Resolved:** That the Legislative Council may seek outside sources of funding to finance the study provided in this resolve. The Legislative Council may authorize the commission to develop funding proposals. The Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall review and approve any proposal prior to its submission to a funding source. Prior to approving a funding source, the Legislative Council shall examine whether accepting funds from this source will risk the appearance of or actual undue influence upon the study. If the Legislative Council determines that accepting funds from the source will cause this risk, the Legislative Council may not approve the funding source. The Legislative Council shall administer any outside funds acquired for the conduct of the 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 with guidelines adopted by the Legislative Council. Expenditures for the conduct of the study may not be incurred that have an impact on the General Fund. Expenditures may not be incurred relative to this study unless the funding from outside sources has been received by the Legislative Council; and be it further'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment amends the resolve by making any proposal for outside funding and any contract to hire a consultant subject to review and approval by the Executive Director of the Legislative Council. The amendment also adds language that gives the Legislative Council the authority to disapprove a funding source if there is a risk that accepting the funds will cause undue influence on the study.

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(Senator CLARK)

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