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H.P. 1069

House of Representatives, April 16, 1991

Reported by Representative COLES for the Commission on Maine's Future pursuant to Resolve 1987, chapter 60, Resolve 1989, chapter 3 and Resolve 1989, chapter 72.

Reference to the Joint Standing Committee on Education suggested and printing ordered under Joint Rule 18.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

Resolve, to Create the Task Force on Life-long Learning and Educational Choice.

2 **Sec. 1. Task force established. Resolved:** That the Task Force on
Life-long Learning and Educational Choice is established; and be
it further

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6 **Sec. 2. Task force membership; chair. Resolved:** That the task
force consists of the following 13 members:

8 1. Three members appointed by the President of the Senate,
not more than one of whom may be a Legislator and not more than
10 one of whom may be employed by the State;

12 2. Three members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
Representatives, not more than one of whom may be a Legislator
14 and not more than one of whom may be employed by the State;

16 3. Six members appointed by the Governor, not more than one
of whom may be a Legislator and not more than one of whom may be
18 employed by the State; and

20 4. One member appointed by the other 12 task force members
who shall serve as the chair; and be it further

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24 **Sec. 3. Appointment; meetings. Resolved:** That all appointments
must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date
of this resolve. The Executive Director of the Legislative
26 Council must be notified by the Governor, the President of the
Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives when their
28 selections have been made. The Chair of the Legislative Council
shall call the first meeting of the task force, at which time the
30 task force may appoint the 13th and final member; and be it
further

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34 **Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved:** That the task force shall undertake
a study of teacher training, curriculum development and
36 facilities planning, with the primary goals of proposing a
comprehensive integration of the various parts of our educational
38 system and proposing means of meeting the need for life-long
learning opportunities in the State. As part of the study, the
task force shall:

40 1. Update the assessment program begun in 1984 in
42 considering curriculum needs;

44 2. Determine the need for, and benefits of, life-long
learning;

46 3. Consider mechanisms for improving teacher preparedness,
48 especially for working with adult learners;

50 4. Develop a plan that recognizes the need to retool local
schools to become centers for learning, including the additions
52 of technological and telecommunications facilities, flexible

2 spaces and the physical requirements of adult learners, and that
3 provides for year-round use in the planning, adaptation and
4 construction of schools; and

5 5. Propose methods to establish a life-long guidance
6 network throughout the State, improve links between the public
7 educational system and private sector training programs and
8 provide stronger support for the development and operation of
9 community learning networks.

10 In the performance of its duties, the task force may hold
11 public hearings and conferences with any person, persons,
12 organizations or governmental agencies. The task force may be
13 provided information, reports or other assistance from any
14 agency, department, legislative committee or other
15 instrumentality of the State, with the consent of the head of the
16 respective organization. State agencies shall, upon request,
17 assist the task force in carrying out the purposes of this
18 resolve; and be it further

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20 **Sec. 5. Report. Resolved:** That the task force shall submit
21 its report, together with any necessary implementing legislation,
22 to the Second Regular Session of the 115th Legislature no later
23 than November 1, 1992; and be it further

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25 **Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the University of Maine
26 System shall staff the task force to conduct research and prepare
27 reports for the task force; and be it further

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29 **Sec. 7. Reimbursement. Resolved:** That the members of the
30 task force who are Legislators are entitled to the legislative
31 per diem, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3,
32 section 2, for days of attendance at task force meetings. All
33 members of the task force who are not state employees are
34 entitled to expenses, as defined in Title 5, section 12002, upon
35 application to the Executive Director of the Legislative Council
36 for those expenses; and be it further

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38 **Sec. 8. Appropriation. Resolved:** That the following funds are
39 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of
40 this resolve.

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44 UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM,	
45 BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE	
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47 Educational and General Activities -	
48 University of Maine System	
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50 All Other	\$11,330

2 Provides funds for the per
4 diem, travel and related
6 expenses of the Task Force on
8 Life-long Learning and
10 Educational Choice. These
12 funds may not lapse but must
14 carry forward to June 30,
16 1993.

12 STATEMENT OF FACT

14 This is one of 8 bills containing the recommendations of the
16 Commission on Maine's Future. This resolve establishes the Task
18 Force on Life-long Learning and Educational Choice. The task
20 force will study teacher training, curriculum development and
facilities planning and will propose a comprehensive integration
of the various parts of our educational system and the means of
meeting the life-long learning opportunities in the State.