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FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1991

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No. 1711

H.P. 1170

House of Representatives, April 25, 1991

Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested and ordered printed.

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative MITCHELL of Vassalboro.

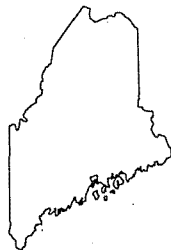
Cosponsored by Senator BOST of Penobscot and Representative GEAN of Alfred.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study Service Delivery Systems
for Children with Autism.**

(EMERGENCY)



2 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts and resolves of the
Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after
adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

4 Whereas, the study must be initiated before the 90-day
6 period expires, in order that the study may be completed and a
report submitted in time for submission to the next legislative
8 session; and

10 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
12 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
14 safety; now, therefore, be it

16 **Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That the Commission
to Study Service Delivery Systems for Children with Autism is
18 established; and be it further

20 **Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That the commission
consists of the following 7 members: two members of the
22 Legislature appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and
the Speaker of the House of Representatives; 2 persons
24 representing parents of children with autism appointed by the
Governor; and 3 professionals having expertise in the field of
26 autism appointed by the Governor; and be it further

28 **Sec. 3. Appointments; meetings. Resolved:** That all
appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the
30 effective date of this resolve. The Executive Director of the
Legislative Council must be notified by all appointing
32 authorities once the selections have been made. When the
appointment of all members has been completed the Chair of the
34 Legislative Council shall call and convene the first meeting of
the commission no later than July 15, 1991. The commission shall
36 select a chair from among its members; and be it further

38 **Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall study
service delivery systems for children with autism. In conducting
40 the study the commission shall evaluate the current service
delivery system in the State and make recommendations to enhance
42 the delivery of services as determined appropriate during the
course of the commission's study.

44 In conducting the study, the commission may:

46 1. Meet 3 times at convenient times and locations within
48 Augusta;

50 2. Hold informational sessions for discussions with
knowledgeable persons;

- 2 3. Conduct, summarize and analyze the results of a
- literature search;
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- 4. Conduct, tabulate and analyze the results of a survey of
- 6 the public or affected persons and groups;
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- 5. Procure and analyze relevant data;
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- 6. Conduct legal research and prepare opinions on legal
- questions within the scope of the study; and
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- 7. Determine and summarize the legislative actions or
- 14 governmental programs undertaken in other jurisdictions related
- to issues within the scope of the study; and be it further
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18 **Sec. 5. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the commission shall
 request staffing assistance from the Legislative Council; and be
 it further

20 **Sec. 6. Reimbursement. Resolved:** That the members of the
 22 commission who are Legislators are entitled to the legislative
 per diem, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3,
 24 section 2, for each day's attendance at commission meetings; and
 be it further

26 **Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That the commission shall submit
 28 its report, together with any necessary implementing legislation
 to the Second Regular Session of the 115th Legislature no later
 30 than November 1, 1991; and be it further

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

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38 **LEGISLATURE**

40 **Commission to Study Service**

42 **Delivery Systems for Children**

with Autism

44	Personal Services	\$330
	All Other	650
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48	Total	\$980

50 Provides funding for the
 Commission to Study Service

2 Delivery Systems for Children
with Autism, including per
4 diem and expenses for
legislative members, printing
6 costs and other meeting
expenses.

8 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.
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12 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

14 This resolve establishes the Commission to Study Service
Delivery Systems for Children with Autism. The commission will
16 evaluate the State's current service delivery system for children
with autism and make recommendations to enhance the delivery of
18 services.