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STATE OF MAINE
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115TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 669, L.D. 1767, Bill, "An Act to Modify the Language Governing the Special Commission on Governmental Restructuring"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 3 (page 1, line 34 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 3. PL 1991, c. 9, Pt. S, §§3 and 4 are repealed.'

Further amend the bill in section 4 in subsection 1 in the last line (page 2, line 14 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "Act." the following: 'The first meeting of the commission must be called by the cochairs within 16 days after the effective date of this Act.'

Further amend the bill in section 4 in subsection 2 by striking out all of the first line (page 2, line 16 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'2. Resources and compensation are available to the commission as follows.'

Further amend the bill in section 4 in subsection 2 in paragraph B by striking out all of the last sentence (page 2, lines 28 to 30 in L.D.).

Further amend the bill in section 4 in subsection 2 by inserting at the end (page 2, line 30 in L.D.) the following:

'C. All expenditures must be approved by the cochairs.

D. Members are entitled to compensation for their expenses according to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 379.'

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2 Further amend the bill in section 4 by striking out all of subsections 3 and 4 and inserting in their place the following:

4 '3. It is the intent of the Legislature to consolidate, restructure and realign functions of the departments of government. It is further the intent of the Legislature to streamline administration and services through functional integration of similar operations. It is further the intent of the Legislature to create unified and functionally integrated operating agencies to coordinate and consolidate the effective delivery of services to affected populations.

12 4. It is further the intent of the Legislature that the commission, before making final recommendations, shall review any studies of the executive, judicial and legislative branches, including the constitutional offices, conducted in the last 5 years that examined the structure, restructuring or reorganization of State Government.'

20 Further amend the bill in section 4 in subsection 5 in the 2nd line (page 3, line 2 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "interim reports by June 1, 1991 and" and inserting in its place the following: ', by June 15, 1991, a report that details the process and the time line the commission has established to conduct its investigation, an interim report on'

26 Further amend the bill in section 5 by striking out all of the 15th to 25th lines (page 3, lines 30 and 44 in L.D.) and inserting in their place the following:

30 EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

32 Special Commission on Governmental Restructuring

34 All Other \$25,000

36 Provides funding for members' expenses and other expenses of the Special Commission on Governmental Restructuring. These funds may not lapse but are carried forward from year to year to be expended for the same purposes.

44 EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

46 TOTAL \$25,000

48 TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS \$0

50 Further amend the bill by inserting after the emergency clause and before the statement of fact the following:

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FISCAL NOTE

This bill repeals the Special Commission on Governmental Restructuring within the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation and reestablishes the Special Commission on Governmental Restructuring as an independent commission. The \$25,000 appropriated from the General Fund to the commission in Public Law 1991, chapter 9, is deappropriated and reappropriated to the Executive Department to provide funding for the expenses of commission members and other commission expenses. Therefore, the funding of the commission will result in no net impact to the General Fund.

The Legislature and the State Planning Office within the Executive Department will provide staff and administrative assistance to the commission. The costs associated with these activities can be absorbed within existing staff and resources.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment amends the Governmental Restructuring Commission placing financial resources within the State Planning Office, requires the commission to review all of government and any studies of government conducted within the last 5 years, changes the scope and reporting date for the first report and allows members to be reimbursed for their expenses. The amendment adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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