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House of Representatives, May 6, 1991

Reference to the Committee on Education suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

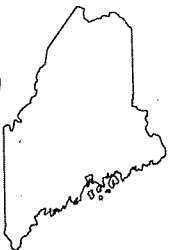
Presented by Representative KILKELLY of Wiscasset.
Cosponsored by Representative O'GARA of Westbrook.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study Secondary Vocational
and Technical Education in Maine.**

(EMERGENCY)



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

Whereas, the study proposed by this resolve must be completed in time for a report to be submitted to the Second Regular Session of the 115th Legislature and, therefore, it is essential that this study be initiated as soon as possible; and

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

Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved: That the Commission to Study Secondary Vocational and Technical Education in Maine is established; and be it further

Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved: That the commission consists of the following 15 members:

1. Three members of the Legislature serving on the Joint Standing Committee on Education, appointed jointly by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate;

2. One representative from the Department of Economic and Community Development, appointed by the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development;

3. The President of the Maine Chamber of Commerce and Industry, or a designee;

4. One representative from a technical college in the State, appointed by the President of the Maine Technical College System;

5. The Director of the Apprenticeship Division of the Bureau of Labor Standards, Department of Labor, or a designee;

6. The Associate Commissioner of the Bureau of Adult and Secondary Vocational Education, Department of Education, or a designee;

7. Two representatives from different secondary vocational and technical institutes, appointed jointly by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate;

8. Three members of the general public, one of whom is a business proprietor and 2 of whom are representatives of the trade community, appointed by the Governor; and

2 9. Two representatives from different labor organizations,
appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker
of the House of Representatives; and be it further

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6 **Sec. 3. Appointments; 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
8 Legislative Council must be notified by all appointing
authorities once the selections have been made. When the
10 appointment of all members has been completed, the Chair of the
Legislative Council shall call and convene the first meeting of
12 the commission no later than July 1, 1991. The commission shall
select a chair from among its members; and be it further

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16 **Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall study
secondary vocational and technical education in the State. In
conducting the study, the commission shall:

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20 1. Consider the geographic locations of secondary
vocational and technical education sites and determine whether or
not the sites are reasonably accessible to high school students
22 throughout the State;

24 2. Examine the adequacy of secondary vocational and
technical education programs and make recommendations to ensure
26 that the educational, occupational and technical needs of
students are being met;

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30 3. Make recommendations to improve the accessibility and
quality of secondary vocational and technical education; and

32 4. Explore the possibility of establishing a secondary
vocational and technical education system that can provide high
34 school students throughout the State with a general education in
combination with specific vocational and technical training; and
36 be it further

38 **Sec. 5. Powers. Resolved:** That in conducting the study, the
commission may:

40 1. Meet at convenient times and places within Augusta;

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

46 3. Conduct, summarize and analyze the results of a
literature search;

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50 4. Conduct, tabulate and analyze the results of a survey of
the public or affected persons and groups;

52 5. Procure and analyze relevant data;

6. Conduct legal research and prepare opinions on legal questions within the scope of the study; and

7. Determine and summarize the legislative actions or governmental programs undertaken in other jurisdictions related to issues within the scope of the study; and be it further

Sec. 6. Assistance. Resolved: That the commission may hire consultants or researchers to assist in performing its duties. With the approval of the Legislative Council, the commission may apply for grants or technical assistance from public or private organizations. Agencies of State Government shall provide information requested by the commission. If additional staff assistance is desired, assistance may be requested from the Legislative Council; and be it further

Sec. 7. Reimbursement. Resolved: That the members of the commission who are Legislators are entitled to receive the legislative per diem, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2, for each day's attendance at commission hearings. All members of the commission who are not state employees are entitled to expenses, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12002, upon application to the Executive Director of the Legislative Council for those expenses; and be it further

Sec. 8. Report. Resolved: That the commission shall submit its report, together with any necessary implementing legislation, to the Second Regular Session of the 115th Legislature no later than November 1, 1991; and be it further

Sec. 9. Funding. Resolved: That the Legislative Council, on behalf of the Joint Standing Committee on Education, may seek outside sources of funding to finance the study provided in this resolve. The Legislative Council shall administer any outside funds acquired for the conduct of the study. Expenditures may not be incurred that have an impact on the General Fund. Expenditures may not be incurred relative to this study unless the outside sources of funding have been received by the Legislative Council.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This resolve establishes the Commission to Study Secondary Vocational and Technical Education in Maine.

2 The commission shall submit its report to the Second Regular
Session of the 115th Legislature on November 1, 1991.