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2 (Filing No. H-1096) б STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Я 115TH LEGISLATURE SECOND REGULAR SESSION 10 12 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " To H.P. 1457, L.D. 2069, "Resolve, to Assist High-risk Students" Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title 16 and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the 18 following: 'Sec. 1. Committee for Assistance to High-risk Students. Resolved: 20 That the Committee for Assistance to High-risk Students is established to assist high-risk students by establishing criteria 22 for identifying them and methods of providing additional funding; . and be it further 24 Sec. 2. Membership. Resolved: That the Committee Assistance to High-risk Students consists of the following 28 members: 1. 30 The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's designee; 32 2. A local school board member appointed by the Governor from a list of nominees supplied by the Maine School Boards 34 Association; 3. Two Maine school administrative unit superintendents appointed by the Governor from a list of nominees supplied by the 38 Maine Superintendents Association; 40 4. One advocate for the homeless appointed by the Governor from a list of nominees supplied by the Maine Coalition for the 42 Homeless: 44

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Families with Dependent Children Coordinating Committee appointed

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by the Governor;

One member of the Advisory Council to Maine Aid to

- One elementary school teacher, one secondary school teacher and one support staff member appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives from a list of nominees supplied by the Maine Teachers Association; 6 One school nurse appointed jointly by the President of R the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives from a list of nominees supplied by the Maine School Nurses Association; 10 and 12 One school counselor appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives 14 from a list of nominees supplied by the Maine School Counselors Association: and be it further 16 18 Sec. 3. Report; funding proposals. Resolved: That on or before February 1, 1993, the Committee for Assistance to High-risk Students shall file a report with the joint standing committee of 20 the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters that 22 describes the number of students in public schools, kindergarten to grade 12, who face a high risk of failure but do not qualify as special education students and require significantly more 24 educational effort than the average student to enable them to 26 meet the State's educational standards. 28 The report must include, at a minimum: 30 The criteria for identifying those students; 32 A means of measuring the cost of the additional educational effort required for those students; and 34 Proposed legislation to fund all or some of the 36 additional costs required for those students with state funds beginning on July 1, 1993. 38 preparing the report, the committee shall 40 information and commentary from each school administrative unit. 42 The funding mechanisms proposed by the committee must include at least one proposal that would reallocate existing or 44 proposed state funding for education in a way that does not
  - Sec. 4. Staff. Resolved: That organizations whose members serve on the Committee for Assistance to High-risk Students may provide staff support to the committee, including any clerical support and technical assistance the committee may need; and be it further

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require an additional appropriation; and be it further

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Sec. 5. Funding; compensation. Resolved: That persons and organizations may provide outside sources of funding to finance the activities of the Committee for Assistance to High-risk Students. The Department of Education 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

Sec. 6. Costs not funded. Resolved: That, notwithstanding the Title section Revised Statutes, 30-A, 5684, Maine requirements of this resolve that result in additional costs to local government are not state mandates subject to that section and the State is not required to fund those costs.

## FISCAL NOTE

The Department of Education can absorb any costs associated with its participation on the Committee for Assistance High-risk Students within existing budgeted resources. sources of funding must be received to finance the activities of this committee, as the resolve prohibits expenditures from the The amount of allocation required or outside General Fund. funding available can not be determined at this time.'

## STATEMENT OF FACT

The original resolve requires the Department of Education to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction education matters with recommendations, over including proposed legislation, that establish criteria for identifying high-risk students and methods providing additional funding for those recommendations, beginning on July 1, 1993.

amendment retains the requirement for the report outlined in the original resolve, but establishes the Committee for Assistance to High-risk Students to prepare and file the The amendment permits organizations whose members serve on the committee to provide staff support to the committee. permits interested persons and organizations to provide outside sources of funding to finance the work of the committee and authorizes the Department of Education to administer the funds. The amendment prohibits expenditures from the General Fund and makes clear that any costs to schools or municipalities for participating in the work of the committee are not state mandates. The amendment also adds a fiscal note.

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## COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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