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Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

STATE OF MAINE

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

Resolve, to Study the Structure of the University of Maine System and Examine Options for Better Integrating the University of Maine System and Maine Maritime Academy.

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Sec. 1. University to perform study. Resolved: That the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System shall undertake an intensive study of the present structure of the University of Maine System. As part of the study, the board should:

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- 1. Study opportunities for minimizing duplication of academic programs throughout the system;
 - 2. Study possible reductions in administrative positions;
- 3. Study opportunities for increased cooperation and coordination between campuses, including faculty and staff sharing among campuses; and
- 4. Study ways to expand educational opportunities for individuals in the more remote areas of the State through expansion of the interactive television system, the electronic library system and other information technologies; and be it further
 - Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System shall complete its study and present its findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and the Office of the Executive Director of the Legislative Council by January 15, 1993. The board is not authorized to submit legislation as part of the report; and be it further
- Sec. 3. University of Maine System and Maine Maritime Academy to study integration. Resolved: That the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System, the Board of Trustees of Maine Maritime Academy and any public education strategic planning group shall examine options for better integrating the programs of the University of Maine System and Maine Maritime Academy, including options pertaining to the following matters:
- 1. Addition of Maine Maritime Academy to the campuses of the University of Maine System;
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- 2. Greater coordination of services between the University of Maine System and Maine Maritime Academy;
- 3. Greater cooperation between the University of Maine System and Maine Maritime Academy;
- 4. Coordinated long-term planning between the University of Maine System and Maine Maritime Academy;
- 5. Ways of achieving significant savings through adoption of any recommendations in subsections 1 to 4; and

6. Ways to use current resources of the University of Maine System and Maine Maritime Academy to strengthen the State's ocean-oriented academic programs; and be it further

Sec. 4. Report. Resolved: That the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System, the Board of Trustees of Maine Maritime Academy and any public education strategic planning group shall report their findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and the Office of the Executive Director of the Legislative Council by January 15, 1993. The Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System, the Board of Trustees of Maine Maritime Academy and any public education strategic planning group are not authorized to submit legislation as part of the report.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This resolve is one of the measures submitted by the Special Commission on Governmental Restructuring. The resolve directs the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System to undertake a study of the present structure of the university system and report its findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Education. It also directs the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System, the Board of Trustees of Maine Maritime Academy and any public education strategic planning group to examine options for integrating the programs of the university and the academy, including the possibility of adding the academy to the university system.