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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
116TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 216, L.D. 284, Bill, "An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1994 and June 30, 1995"

Amend the amendment by inserting after Part N the following:

PART O

**Sec. O-1. Task force established.** The Task Force on Efficiency in State Government, referred to in this Part as the "task force," is established with goals to promote more efficient allocation of state resources, to reduce the size or functions of State Government and to restructure State Government to provide better functionally coordinated services.

**Sec. O-2. Membership.** The task force consists of the following 5 members: 2 members appointed by the Governor, one of whom the Governor shall name as chair after consultation with the other members; one member appointed by the President of the Senate; one member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and one member appointed by unanimous agreement of the other 4 members.

Members must be appointed within 30 days of the effective date of this Part. Each member must be a public member and may not be an official, employee, consultant or any other individual employed or retained by the executive or legislative branch of State Government. Each member must possess expertise in at least one of the subject areas that the task force is charged with reviewing under section 4 of this Part.

Members are not entitled to reimbursement for expenses or per diem.

2           **Sec. O-3. Advisory groups.** The task force shall establish 3  
4 advisory groups, one for each of the 3 subject areas as set out  
6 in section 4 of this Part. Each member of the task force may  
8 appoint one member to serve on each one of the advisory groups.  
10 Each member of an advisory group must possess expertise in the  
12 subject area of the advisory group to which the member is  
14 appointed. The 3 advisory groups must be appointed within 10  
16 days after all appointments to the task force are made. Advisory  
18 group members are not entitled to reimbursement for expenses or  
20 per diem.

22           **Sec. O-4. Subject areas.** The task force is charged with  
24 reviewing and evaluating the following subject areas consistent  
26 with the goals stated in section 1 of this Part:

28           1. Education. The task force shall assess the current  
30 system for the provision of public education in this State and  
32 explore mechanisms and structural changes to that system to  
34 ensure that the educational needs of the children of the State  
36 are met by an efficient and streamlined delivery system. As part  
38 of its review, the task force shall seek to eliminate unnecessary  
40 or duplicative services, programs or administration. The task  
42 force may undertake a comparative review of the education  
44 delivery systems in other jurisdictions. The task force may  
46 evaluate any additional relevant factors, including existing  
48 geographic divisions and the school funding formula;

50           2. Medicaid. The task force shall examine the Medicaid  
52 delivery system and shall review the existing system used to  
54 approve expenditures. The task force shall seek to prioritize  
56 criteria for approval of expenditures, to establish a mechanism  
58 for ensuring appropriate reimbursements and eligibility and to  
60 ensure that the benefits are effectively directed to only those  
62 most in need of the benefits; and

64           3. State employees' workers' compensation claims. The task  
66 force shall examine the current practice of establishing reserves  
68 for workers' compensation claims filed by state employees. The  
70 review must address the mechanisms for identifying the sources of  
72 claims payments and ensure the integrity of the claim resolution  
74 system. The task force is encouraged to consider other research,  
76 reports and resources relevant to its mission.

78           **Sec. O-5. Cooperative effort.** The Department of Education, the  
80 Department of Human Services and the Department of Administrative  
82 and Financial Services shall cooperate with the task force and,  
84 to the extent possible, provide staff and administrative  
86 assistance within the budgeted resources to support activities of  
88 the task force.

2           **Sec. O-6. Report.** The task force shall submit an interim  
4 report by January 1, 1994 to the Second Regular Session of the  
6 116th Legislature. The interim report must include a summary of  
8 the completed work of the task force and may include  
10 recommendations for legislation determined necessary by the task  
12 force. The task force shall submit a report by November 1, 1994  
14 to the First Regular Session of the 117th Legislature. The final  
16 report must include a summary of the findings and  
18 recommendations, including any necessary legislation, of the task  
20 force. The final report of the task force must consist of the  
22 following 3 components:

1. Recommendations, in the form of legislation, for  
immediate implementation to restructure, reduce or streamline  
State Government and to promote the more efficient allocation of  
state resources;

2. Suggestions for changes to improve the efficiency of  
State Government and encourage customer-oriented results; and

3. Recommendations concerning areas and issues for further  
study.

Further amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering  
any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read  
consecutively.

**FISCAL NOTE**

This amendment establishes the Task Force on Efficiency in  
State Government. The 7 task force members and up to 35 advisory  
group members are not entitled to reimbursement for per diem or  
expenses. The Department of Education, the Department of Human  
Services and the Department of Administrative and Financial  
Services are directed to provide staff and administrative  
assistance to the task force to the extent possible within  
existing resources.

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L.D. 284

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment establishes the Task Force on Efficiency in  
State Government to promote more efficient allocation of state  
6 resources. Specifically, the task force must address the areas  
of education, Medicaid and state employee workers' compensation  
8 claims.

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