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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
116TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "B" 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.

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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
delivery system and shall review the existing system used to
approve expenditures. The task force shall seek to prioritize
criteria for approval of expenditures, to establish a mechanism
for ensuring appropriate reimbursements and eligibility and to
ensure that the benefits are effectively directed to only those
most in need of the benefits.

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

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

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

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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;

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

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3. Recommendations concerning areas and issues for further study.

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

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FISCAL NOTE

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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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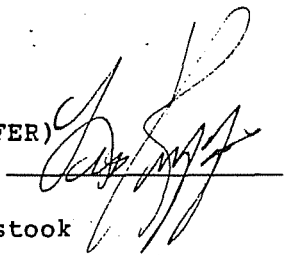
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STATEMENT OF FACT

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

(Senator KIEFFER)
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