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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
116TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 450, L.D. 576, "Resolve, to Maximize the Availability of Federal Financing of Services for Families and Children"

Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. Federal Funds Task Force established. Resolved: That the Federal Funds Task Force is established to review federal grants and funding streams potentially available to help finance state services for families with children and other services provided to state citizens; and be it further'

Further amend the resolve in section 2 in the first 2 lines (page 1, lines 20 and 21 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Advisory Committee" and inserting in its place the following: 'Task Force'

Further amend the resolve by striking out all of section 3 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 3. Membership. Resolved: That the Federal Funds Task Force consists of the following members:

1. Four members of the Senate, with one member from the Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources, one member from the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, one member from the Joint Standing Committee on Education and one member from the Joint Select Committee on Corrections. Members from the Senate are appointed by the President of the Senate. At least one member appointed under this subsection must be a member of the minority party; and

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2. Five members of the House of Representatives, with 2 members from the Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources, one member from the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, one member from the Joint Standing Committee on Education and one member from the Joint Select Committee on Corrections. Members from the House of Representatives are appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. At least 2 members appointed under this subsection must be members of the minority party.'

Further amend the resolve in section 4 in the 3rd line (page 2, line 11 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Advisory Committee" and inserting in its place the following: 'Task Force'

Further amend the resolve by striking out all of sections 5 to 7 and inserting in their place the following:

Sec. 5. Report. Resolved: That the Federal Funds Task Force shall report its findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources and the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and the Governor no later than November 5, 1993. Recommendations must include steps to increase federal financing opportunities, with a delineation of potential dollars saved, costs avoided and interagency collaboration necessary. The task force shall also recommend methods to evaluate the State's ongoing utilization of federal funds. Upon submission of its report, the task force is dissolved; and be it further

Sec. 6. Staff. Resolved: That the Legislative Council shall provide staff upon request of the Federal Funds Task Force; and be it further

Sec. 7. Expenses. Resolved: That the members of the Federal Funds Task Force receive expenses and legislative per diem for all meetings attended. The Legislative Council shall absorb the costs of the task force within existing resources; and be it further'

Further amend the resolve in section 8 in the first 2 lines (page 2, lines 36 and 37 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Advisory Committee" and inserting in its place the following: 'Task Force'

Further amend the resolve by inserting before the statement of fact the following:

FISCAL NOTE

The Federal Funds Task Force will require approximately \$5,225 in fiscal year 1993-94 for the per diem and expenses of its members. The Legislature is directed to absorb these costs of the task force. The Legislature can absorb any costs related

1 to staffing the task force during the interim between sessions.
2 However, the ability of the Legislature to absorb the per diem
3 and other expenses will depend on the final outcome of the
4 Governor's proposed current services budget.'

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8 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

10 This amendment changes the name of the Federal Funds
11 Advisory Committee to the Federal Funds Task Force. The
12 amendment also changes the membership of the task force to
13 include only legislative members. The amendment also clarifies
14 that the task force dissolves once its report has been
15 submitted. The amendment also requires the Legislative Council
16 to absorb the costs of the task force within existing resources.

18 The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the resolve.

Reported by the Committee on Human Resources.
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