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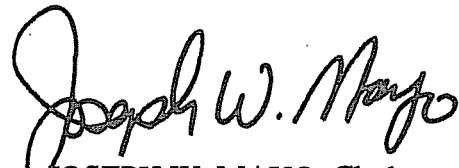
H.P. 458

House of Representatives, February 22, 1993

Resolve, to Reduce the Cost of Administration for Public Primary and Secondary Education.

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Education suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative RYDELL of Brunswick.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CARROLL of Gray, CHONKO of Topsham, HICHBORN of Howland, MITCHELL of Vassalboro, NORTON of Winthrop, PFEIFFER of Brunswick,
Senators: O'DEA of Penobscot, PEARSON of Penobscot, TITCOMB of Cumberland.

2 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts and resolves of the
Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after
adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

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6 **Whereas,** there are over 180 school systems statewide, most
with separate administrative staff performing identical
administrative functions; and

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10 **Whereas,** the cost of maintaining expensive and duplicative
administrative systems decreases the amount of funds available to
deliver direct educational services to students; and

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14 **Whereas,** successful models for consolidating and
regionalizing school administrative functions already exist in
the form of 28 vocational education centers and regions; and

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18 **Whereas,** there is a pressing and urgent need to develop a
statewide model for school administration that produces savings
by regionalizing school services; and

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22 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
safety; now, therefore, be it

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28 **Sec. 1. Task force created and charged. Resolved:** That there is
created the Public School Administration Task Force. The task
force shall study and evaluate models of public school
administration and propose a model or models designed to achieve,
but not limited to, the following results:

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32 1. Limit the number of school administrative entities
statewide to not less than 50;

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36 2. Eliminate duplicative administrative functions among
school administrative units close enough to share administrative
services and personnel;

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40 3. Consolidate delivery of commonly required school
services, such as fiscal, special education and transportation
services among school administrative units through increased
regionalization;

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44 4. Require joint purchase of supplies and services by
school administrative units;

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48 5. Guarantee continued local participation in all phases of
school decision making, including participation of parents and
teachers; and

2 6. Provide expanded opportunities and choices for Maine
students through savings produced by reduced costs in nonteaching
4 functions; and be it further

6 **Sec. 2. Task force membership. Resolved:** That the task force
shall consist of the following 15 members: the Commissioner of
8 Education or the commissioner's designee; one member of the
Senate appointed by the President of the Senate; one member of
10 the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the
House of Representatives; one public school principal appointed
12 jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
House of Representatives; 2 superintendents, one appointed by the
14 Governor and the other appointed jointly by the President of the
Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives; 2
16 teachers, one appointed by the Governor and the other appointed
jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
18 House of Representatives; 2 representatives of the business
community, one appointed by the Governor and the other appointed
20 jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
House of Representatives; 3 public members, one appointed by the
22 Governor, one appointed by the President of the Senate and one
appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and 2
24 parents of public school children, one appointed by the Governor
and the other appointed jointly by the President of the Senate
26 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and be it further

28 **Sec. 3. Appointment; notification. Resolved:** That all
appointments to the task force must be made no later than 30 days
30 following the effective date of this resolve. The Executive
Director of the Legislative Council must be notified by all
32 appointing authorities once the selections have been made; and be
it further

34 **Sec. 4. Convening of task force; selection of chair. Resolved:** That
when appointment of all task force members is completed, the
36 Chair of the Legislative Council shall call the first meeting of
the task force no later than 15 days following the completion of
38 appointments. The task force shall select a member as its chair;
and be it further

40 **Sec. 5. Report. Resolved:** That the task force shall present
42 its findings, together with any recommended legislation to the
Second Regular Session of the 116th Legislature by November 1,
44 1993; and be it further

46 **Sec. 6. Assistance. Resolved:** That the task force shall
request staff assistance from the Legislative Council and the
48 Department of Education; and be it further

50 **Sec. 7. Compensation. Resolved:** That the public members and
parent members of the commission are entitled to reimbursement
52 for expenses upon application to the Executive Director of the
Legislative Council; and be it further

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