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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 478, L.D. 615, "Resolve, to Require the Maine Criminal Justice Commission to Study Adult Inmate Education and Training in the Correctional System"

Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, to Require a Study of Adult Inmate Education and Training in the Correctional System'

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

'Sec. 1. Department of Corrections required to study inmate education and training. Resolved: That the Department of Corrections, referred to in this resolve as the "department," shall conduct a review of the academic and vocational education provided to the department's adult prisoners, to include a description of the programs, the curricula, the number and qualifications of the instructors and the number of inmates participating in each program; and be it further'

Further amend the resolve by striking out all of section 2.

Further amend the resolve in section 3 in the 2nd line (page 2, line 2 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "examine" and inserting in its place the following: 'provide answers to'

Further amend the resolve in section 3, in subsection 1 by striking out paragraphs C, E, F, I, J and K.

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2 Further amend the resolve in section 3 in subsection 1 by
relettering the paragraphs to read consecutively.

4 Further amend the resolve by striking out all of section 4
and inserting in its place the following:

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8 **'Sec. 4. Staffing. Resolved:** The Department of Corrections
shall carry out its responsibilities under section 1 with the
10 assistance of the Adult Correctional Education Task Force within
the Department of Education, Division of Adult and Community
12 Education and with staffing from the Department of Education; and
be it further'

14 Further amend the resolve in section 5 in the 5th line (page
4, line 22 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "January 1"
16 and inserting in its place the following: 'January 15'

18 Further amend the resolve in section 5 in the 2nd paragraph
(page 4, lines 30 and 31 in L.D.) by striking out the following:
20 "and to those agencies identified in section 2"

22 Further amend the resolve by renumbering the sections to
read consecutively.

24 Further amend the resolve by inserting at the end before the
26 statement of fact the following:

28 **FISCAL NOTE**

30 The Department of Corrections and the Department of
32 Education can absorb the costs associated with a review of the
education and training programs provided in the State's adult
34 correctional facilities within existing budgeted resources.'

36 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

38 The resolve required the Criminal Justice Commission to
40 study the education and training programs for inmates in the
State's adult correctional facilities. This amendment places
42 that assignment with the Department of Corrections and requires
the department to utilize the services of the Adult Correctional
44 Education Task Force, which is funded through the correctional
education set-aside for the federal Adult Education Act. It
46 extends the scope of the study to cover county jails. It
eliminates from the study the following specific questions as set
48 out in section 3, subsection 1 of the resolve.

50 C. How can a program be set up to monitor whether the

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2 prisoners are receiving the education planned for them and
to evaluate whether that education is achieving the desired
4 goals? How can controlled tests be set up to allow the
evaluation of alternative programs?

6 E. How can participation in the basic education programs be
improved?

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10 F. How can it be ensured that the educational programs are
accredited by the appropriate state professional agencies
and that graduates of the vocational program meet the
12 qualifications for receiving licenses or credentials in
their respective industries?

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16 I. Should the program include persons on probation and
persons involved in community corrections?

18 J. Where should responsibility for the education and
training programs be located?

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22 K. What agencies should provide staffing for the various
education and training programs?

24 The amendment also adds a fiscal note.

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