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# 117th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 379

In Senate, March 28, 1995

**Resolve, to Create an Advisory Committee to Assist in the Funding of  
State Employee Workers' Compensation Claims.**

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Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "May M. Ross".

MAY M. ROSS  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HARRIMAN of Cumberland.

2           **Sec. 1. Committee established. Resolved:** That the Advisory  
3 Committee on State Employee Workers' Compensation Funding,  
4 referred to in this resolve as the "advisory committee," is  
5 established to study the manner in which the costs of workers'  
6 compensation for state employees is funded; and be it further

7           **Sec. 2. Membership. Resolved:** That the advisory committee  
8 consists of the following 9 members.

9           1. The Governor shall appoint the following members:

10           A. A representative of the Workers' Compensation Division  
11 of the Bureau of Human Resources;

12           B. A representative of the Bureau of Insurance;

13           C. A member who is the administrator of 3rd-party workers'  
14 compensation claims in the private sector;

15           D. A member who is a claims adjudicator; and

16           E. A member experienced in financial management  
17 representing the public.

18           2. The President of the Senate shall appoint the following  
19 members:

20           A. A certified public accountant with experience in  
21 structure settlements; and

22           B. A representative of an insurance company providing  
23 workers' compensation to private companies.

24           3. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall  
25 appoint the following members:

26           A. A member representing a labor organization representing  
27 state employees; and

28           B. A lawyer who handles workers' compensation claims; and  
29 be it further

30           **Sec. 3. Duties. Resolved:** That the advisory committee shall  
31 identify the costs of state employee workers' compensation claims  
32 and review the manner in which those costs are funded. The  
33 advisory committee shall investigate alternative methods of  
34 funding those costs and identify the method or methods that will  
35 accomplish the following goals:  
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2 1. Ensuring that state employee workers' compensation costs  
are funded in a fiscally responsible manner;

4 2. Ensuring that state employee workers' compensation costs  
are administered as efficiently and economically as possible; and

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8 3. Ensuring that Legislators and members of the public have  
accurate information about the extent of state employee workers'  
10 compensation costs; and be it further

12 **Sec. 4. Report. Resolved:** That the advisory committee shall  
make a report to the Governor and the Legislature by February 1,  
14 1996. The report must contain the results of the advisory  
committee's review and investigation and make recommendations for  
16 improvement in the current methods of funding state employee  
workers' compensation costs; and be it further

18 **Sec. 5. Compensation. Resolved:** That members of the advisory  
committee serve without compensation. Members who are not state  
20 employees may receive reimbursement for reasonable expenses  
incurred in attending meetings of the advisory committee; and be  
22 it further

24 **Sec. 6. Staff. Resolved:** That the advisory committee may  
request staff assistance from the Department of Administrative  
26 and Financial Services, Bureau of Insurance; the Bureau of the  
Budget; and the Bureau of Human Resources, Workers' Compensation  
28 Division.

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## 32 STATEMENT OF FACT

34 This resolve creates an advisory committee to review the  
current method of funding workers' compensation costs for state  
36 employees and make recommendations to the Governor and the  
Legislature on the best way to fund those costs consistent with  
fiscal responsibility, efficiency and public accountability. The  
38 advisory committee is required to reports its recommendations  
before the Second Regular Session of the 117th Legislature.