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House of Representatives, January 28, 1997

**Resolve, to Establish a Study Group to Examine the Issue of School
Choice.**

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative POWERS of Rockport.

2 **Sec. 1. Study group established. Resolved:** That the Study Group
to Examine the Issue of School Choice, referred to in this
4 resolve as the "study group," is established; and be it further

6 **Sec. 2. Study group membership. Resolved:** That the study
group consists of the following 9 members:

8 1. Two Legislators who are members of the Joint Standing
Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, one Senator
10 appointed by the President of the Senate and one member of the
House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of
12 Representatives;

14 2. The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's
designee;

16 3. One representative of the Maine Municipal Association;

18 4. One member of the Maine School Choice Coalition;

20 5. One representative of a home school association; and

22 6. Three representatives of private schools, one
24 representing a secular day school, one representing a secular
boarding school and one representing a religiously affiliated
26 school; and be it further

28 **Sec. 3. Appointments; meetings. Resolved:** That all
appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the
30 effective date of this resolve. The Executive Director of the
Legislative Council must be notified by all appointing
32 authorities once the selections have been made. Within 15 days
of the appointment of all members, the Chair of the Legislative
34 Council shall call and convene the first meeting of the study
group. The study group shall select a chair from among its
36 members; and be it further

38 **Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved:** That the study group shall examine
the use and impact of a voucher system in other states and study
40 any other issues related to school choice for grades K-12 that
the committee determines appropriate. The committee shall
42 examine the information gathered from other states and provide a
plan for a pilot project to be used at different locations
44 throughout the State; and be it further

46 **Sec. 5. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the study group may
request staffing assistance from the Legislative Council; and be
48 it further

