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House of Representatives, January 30, 1997

**Resolve, to Establish the Study Group on Pay Equity Among Providers
of Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services.**

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative FARNSWORTH of Portland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: COWGER of Hallowell, FULLER of Manchester, KANE of
Saco, LEMAIRE of Lewiston, MITCHELL of Portland.

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,** the study proposed in this resolve must be
initiated before the 90-day period expires in order that the
study may be completed and a report submitted to the next
8 legislative session; and

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

16 **Sec. 1. Study group established. Resolved:** That the Study Group
on Pay Equity Among Providers of Mental Health and Mental
18 Retardation Services, referred to in this resolve as the "study
group," is established to study pay equity among providers of
20 mental health services and mental retardation services; and be it
further

22 **Sec. 2. Study group membership. Resolved:** That the study
24 group consists of the following 8 members appointed jointly by
the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
26 Representatives:

28 1. One member of the House of Representatives;

30 2. One member of the Senate;

32 3. Two representatives from among the employees of the
Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance
34 Abuse Services, one representing mental health and one
representing mental retardation;

36 4. Two providers of mental health services from the public
38 sector; and

40 5. Two providers of mental retardation services from the
public sector; and be it further

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

