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H.P. 563

House of Representatives, February 4, 1997

**Resolve, to Create a Study Committee to Examine School Union
Organization and Governance Issues.**

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

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

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative PIEH of Bremen.
Cosponsored by Representatives: McELROY of Unity, McKEE of Wayne, RINES of
Wiscasset, USHER of Westbrook, WATSON of Farmingdale, Senator: KILKELLY of Lincoln.

2 **Sec. 1. Study committee established. Resolved:** That the Joint
3 Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs shall
4 convene a study committee comprised of representation from
5 parties with an interest in education, including but not limited
6 to, school board members, superintendents of schools, principals,
7 teachers and municipal officials, to examine school union
8 organization and governance issues; and be it further

9 **Sec. 2. Appointments; meetings. Resolved:** That all appointments
10 must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date
11 of this resolve. Within 15 days after the appointment of all
12 members, the chairs of the Joint Standing Committee on Education
13 and Cultural Affairs shall call and convene the first meeting of
14 the study committee. The committee shall select a chair from
15 among its members; and be it further

16 **Sec. 3. Duties. Resolved:** That the study committee shall
17 examine school governance and organizational issues within school
18 unions, including but not limited to, the following issues:

19 1. The conditions that contribute to a well-run school
20 union;

21 2. The conditions that contribute to a poorly run school
22 union;

23 3. The cost effectiveness of school unions compared to
24 other organizational structures; and

25 4. The efficiency of school unions compared to other
26 organizational structures; and be it further

27 **Sec. 4. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the Department of
28 Education shall provide staff assistance to the study committee;
29 and be it further

30 **Sec. 5. Reimbursement. Resolved:** That members of the study
31 committee serve without compensation or reimbursement of any
32 type; and be it further

33 **Sec. 6. Report. Resolved:** That the study committee submit its
34 report, together with any necessary implementing legislation, to
35 the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs no
36 later than December 15, 1997. If the study committee requires an
37 extension, it may apply to the Legislative Council, which may
38 grant the extension.
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SUMMARY

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6 This resolve directs the Joint Standing Committee on
Education and Cultural Affairs to convene a study committee
8 comprised of representation from parties with an interest in
education to examine school union organization and governance
10 issues and to submit its report to the Joint Standing Committee
on Education and Cultural Affairs by December 15, 1997.