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2 DATE: 5-2-97 (Filing No. H- 320) EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS 6 8 Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of 10 the House. 12 STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 14 118TH LEGISLATURE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION 16 18 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "/T" to H.P. 771, L.D. 1048, "Resolve, to Establish a Task Force to Review the Regional Applied 20 Technology Centers" 22 Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting 24 the following: 'Resolve, to Establish a Task Force to Review the Applied 26 Technology Centers and Applied Technology Regions' 28 Further amend the resolve by striking out everything after 30 the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following: 32 'Sec. 1. Task force established. Resolved: That the Task Force to Review the Applied Technology Centers and Applied Technology 34 Regions, referred to in this resolve as the "task force," is established; and be it further 36 Sec. 2. Task force membership. Resolved: That the task force 38 consists of the following 10 members: 40 One legislative member appointed by the Chairs of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs; 42 The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's 2. 44 designee; 46 3. The Chair of the State Board of Education or the chair's 48 designee;

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The Chair of the Maine Council on Vocational Education

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or the chair's designee;

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further

2	5. Two representatives of the Maine School Management
4	Association, one of whom is a member of the cooperative board of an applied technology region and one who oversees an applied
_	technology center, appointed by the President of the Maine School
6	Management Association;
8	6. Two representatives of the Maine Association of
10	Vocational Education Administrators, consisting of one director
10	of an applied technology region and one director of an applied technology center, appointed by the President of the Maine
12	Association of Vocational Education Administrators;
12	Association of vocational Education Administrators;
14	7. The State Director of Workforce Education within the
	Department of Education; and
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	8. One member of the business community with an interest in
18	workforce education, high-performance work organizations and
20	economic development, appointed by the Governor; and be it further
20	Sec. 3. Appointments; meetings. Resolved: That all appointments
22	and any designations must be made no later than 15 days following
44	the effective date of this resolve. The Executive Director of
24	the Legislative Council must be notified by all appointing and
. T	any designating authorities once the selections have been made.
26	Within 15 days after the appointment or designation of all
	members, the Chair of the Legislative Council shall call and
28	convene the first meeting of the task force. The task force
	shall select a chair from among its members; and be it further
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	Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved: That the task force shall conduct a
32	review of the following issues pertaining to the statewide
	network of applied technology centers and applied technology
34	regions:
36	1. Enrollment, completion and graduation rates,
	postsecondary enrollments and job placements;
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	2. Student transportation, schedule and calendar conflicts
40	and graduation requirements;
42	3. Costs per pupil, program subsidy and cost-sharing
	arrangements;
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	 Organizational structure, governance and the laws
46	pertaining to the applied technology centers and regions;
48	5. Program direction, development and accountability; and

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provide s	taff	ing as	sistanc	e to	the	task	force;	and	be	it	furt	her	:

Sec. 6. Reimbursement. Resolved: That the Department of Education and the Maine Council on Vocational Education shall provide reimbursement to task force members for mileage expenses for each day's attendance at task force meetings or other necessary task force subcommittee or work group meetings; and be it further

Sec. 7. Report. Resolved: That the task force shall submit its report, together with any necessary implementing legislation, to the Second Regular Session of the 118th Legislature and the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, along with a copy for the Executive Director of the Legislative Council, no later than January 1, 1998. If the task force requires an extension, it may apply to the Legislative Council, which may grant the extension.'

Further amend the resolve by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

FISCAL NOTE

The Department of Education will incur some minor additional costs to provide staff assistance, reimburse expenses of members and for miscellaneous costs of the Task Force to Review the Applied Technology Centers and Applied Technology Regions. These costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.'

SUMMARY

This amendment changes the title of the resolve, replaces the resolve and establishes the Task Force to Review the Applied Technology Centers and Applied Technology Regions. The task force will review governance relationships and organizational structures, finance and cost-sharing arrangements and program direction and development issues related to applied technology centers and applied technology regions. The task force shall report its findings and any recommended implementing legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs by January 1, 1998. Finally, this amendment adds a fiscal note.

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