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# 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 465

In Senate, March 11, 1997

**Resolve, to Establish Regional Service Centers.**

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Reference to the Committee on Business and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator JENKINS of Androscoggin.  
Cosponsored by Senator RAND of Cumberland.

2           **Sec. 1. Task force established. Resolved:** That the Task Force on  
Regional Service Centers, referred to in this resolve as the  
4 "task force," is established to explore the establishment of  
regional service centers throughout the State; and be it further

6           **Sec. 2. Membership. Resolved:** That the task force consists  
of the following members or their designees: the Director of the  
8 State Planning Office, the Commissioner of Economic and Community  
Development, the Commissioner of Public Safety, the Commissioner  
10 of Education, one Senator appointed by the President of the  
Senate and 2 members of the House of Representatives appointed by  
12 the Speaker of the House; and be it further

14           **Sec. 3. Mission. Resolved:** That the task force shall study  
the feasibility of and mechanisms for establishing regional  
16 service centers throughout the State to encourage cooperation and  
agreement among political subdivisions of the State in at least,  
18 but not limited to, the following areas:

- 20           1. Business expansion and support;
- 22           2. Economic development;
- 24           3. Law enforcement training and services;
- 26           4. Education and education funding;
- 28           5. Infrastructure improvements; and
- 30           6. Property taxation.

32           The task force shall begin conducting its study within 30  
days of the effective date of this resolve; and be it further

34           **Sec. 4. Outreach. Resolved:** That the task force is encouraged  
36 to seek advice and input from county and municipal officials,  
representatives of business interests and any other parties the  
38 task force considers important to its study; and be it further

40           **Sec. 5. Staff; compensation. Resolved:** That within budgeted  
resources, the executive agencies identified in section 2 of this  
42 resolve shall provide staff assistance to the task force.  
Members of the task force are not entitled to compensation other  
44 than actual expenses incurred in attending meetings of the task  
force; except that Legislators serving on the task force are also  
46 entitled to the legislative per diem for attendance at task force  
meetings; and be it further

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2           **Sec. 6. Report. Resolved:** That the task force shall submit a  
report of its findings and recommendations, including any  
4           necessary implementing legislation, to the Second Regular Session  
of the 118th Legislature by January 1, 1998. If the task force  
6           requires an extension, it may apply to the Legislative Council,  
which may grant the extension.

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### SUMMARY

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12           This resolve establishes the Task Force on Regional Service  
Centers to study the feasibility of and mechanisms for  
14           establishing regional service centers throughout the State to  
encourage political subdivisions of the State to cooperate in  
16           areas such as business, economy, law enforcement, education and  
other areas. The task force is directed to seek advice from  
18           interested officials and parties and report back to the  
Legislature by January 1, 1998.