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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Reported by: *Senator Pendleton*

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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
118TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " " to S.P. 498, L.D. 1560, "Resolve, to Establish the Committee to Study the Development of the Charter School Initiative"

Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, Directing the State Board of Education to Study Charter Schools and School Choice'

Further amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. Charter schools and school choice study. Resolved: That the State Board of Education shall establish a committee to study charter schools and school choice initiatives developed in other states and jurisdictions. The committee shall meet at least 4 times to review the national data available, examine the charter schools and school choice legislation submitted to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, and receive testimony from relevant sources regarding charter schools and school choice initiatives in other states and jurisdictions. If necessary, the board may request research assistance from the Education Research Institute Steering Committee. The board shall submit its report, together with any necessary implementing legislation, to the Legislature no later than January 1, 1998.'

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

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The additional costs associated with a study of charter schools and school choice initiatives can be absorbed by the State Board of Education utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the original resolve and directs the State Board of Education to establish a committee to study charter schools and school choice initiatives in other states and jurisdictions. In conducting its study, the board's committee shall meet at least 4 times and shall report its findings and any recommended legislation to the Legislature by January 1, 1998.

This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the resolve.