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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
118TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

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20 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1133, L.D. 1589, Bill, "An
22 Act to Amend the Composition of the Information Services Policy
Board and Establish a Clearinghouse on State Information and
Information Technology"

24 Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting
the following:

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28 **'An Act to Amend the Composition of the Information Services
Policy Board and Establish a Task Force on Information Technology
in the Public Sector'**

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32 Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and
inserting in its place the following:

34 **'Sec. 2. Task Force on Information Technology in the Public Sector.**

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38 **1. Task force established.** There is established the Task
40 Force on Information Technology in the Public Sector, referred to
42 in this Act as the "task force." The purpose of the task force
is to study the ways in which information regarding state
information and information technology is being accessed by local
government, schools, libraries and institutions of higher
learning and to ensure that access to this information is
maximized by compatible technologies.

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46 **2. Task force membership.** The task force membership must
include but not be limited to:

48 A. The Commissioner of Administrative and Financial
50 Services or the commissioner's designee;

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- 2 B. Two members of the Legislature, one to be appointed by
the President of the Senate and one to be appointed by the
Speaker of the House;
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- 6 C. The Executive Director of the Legislative Council or the
executive director's designee;
- 8 D. The Chair of the Information Services Policy Board or
the chair's designee;
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- 12 E. The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's
designee;
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- 16 F. The State Librarian or the librarian's designee;
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- 20 G. The Secretary of State or the secretary's designee;
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- 24 H. The Chair of Public Utilities Commission or the chair's
designee;
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- 28 I. The Public Advocate or the advocate's designee;
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- 32 J. The Director of the State Planning Office or the
director's designee;
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- 36 K. The Commissioner of Public Safety or the commissioner's
designee;
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- 40 L. The Director of the Bureau of Information Services or
the director's designee;
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- 44 M. The Chancellor of the University of Maine System or the
chancellor's designee;
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- 48 N. The President of the Maine Technical College System or
the president's designee;
- O. A representative from the Maine Science and Technology
Foundation, appointed by the foundation;
- P. A representative from the Maine Municipal Association,
appointed by the association;
- Q. A representative from the Maine School Board
Association, appointed by the association; and
- R. Five members of the public, appointed by the chairs of
the task force.

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2 The task force may extend an invitation to the Chief Justice of
the Supreme Judicial Court to appoint a liaison to participate on
the task force.

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6 The task force may supplement its membership as needed and create
working groups with representatives from state agencies and the
private sector to assist it in its work.

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10 **3. Appointments; meetings; chairs.** Appointing authorities
shall make all appointments to the task force by September 15,
1997 and report those appointments to the Governor, who shall
12 call the first meeting by September 30, 1997. A legislative
representative and the Commissioner of the Department of
14 Administrative and Financial Services or the commissioner's
designee serve as cochairs.

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18 **4. Responsibilities of task force.** The task force shall:

20 A. Study and recommend whether the State should create a
board or invest an existing board with the authority to
22 serve as the lead coordinating and policy agency on
information technology expenditures by State Government and
state-funded educational institutions;

24 B. Identify current and pending public technology
26 initiatives undertaken by State Government or state-funded
educational institutions that are of significance to the
28 State;

30 C. Identify innovative ways to improve the return on the
public's investment in those initiatives;

32 D. Recommend ways in which those initiatives should be
34 coordinated to provide for optimum public and private
benefits;

36 E. Recommend continued clearinghouse arrangements for
38 sharing and distributing information on new technology
initiatives;

40 F. Recommend standards that allow the greatest possible
42 compatibility for the resulting technology; and

44 G. Recommend policies and actions that will enhance the
46 acquisition, storage, retrieval and accessibility of public
information from electronic data bases of State Government.

48 **5. Staff assistance.** The Department of Administrative and
Financial Services and the State Planning Office shall provide
50 staffing assistance to the task force.

2 6. Reimbursement; mileage and other costs associated with
3 participation on task force. The task force members who are
4 legislators are entitled to receive the legislative per diem, as
5 defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2 and
6 expenses for attendance at meetings of the task force. Other
7 members are not entitled to compensation.

8 7. Funding. The task force is empowered to receive and
9 expend funds and contract for services as required.

10 8. Report. The task force shall prepare and submit a
11 report, including any necessary implementing legislation, to the
12 Governor, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, the
13 Executive Director of the Legislative Council and the Joint
14 Standing Committee on State and Local Government by November 15,
15 1998 to be submitted to the First Regular Session of the 119th
16 Legislature.

17 Sec. 3. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated
18 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

19 2000-01-01 1997-98 1998-99

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22 Task Force on Information Technology
23 in the Public Sector

24	Personal Services	\$440	\$ 660
25	All Other	400	600

26 Provides funds for the per
27 diem and expenses of
28 legislative members of the
29 Task Force on Information
30 Technology in the Public
31 Sector.

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33 TOTAL

\$840	\$1,260'
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34 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
35 summary the following:

36 FISCAL NOTE

37 1997-98 1998-99

38 APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

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General Fund \$840 \$1,260

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The Legislature will require additional General Fund appropriations of \$840 and \$1,260 in fiscal years 1997-98 and 1998-99, respectively, for the per diem and expenses of legislative members of the Task Force on Information Technology in the Public Sector.

The additional costs associated with providing staffing assistance to the task force can be absorbed by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and the State Planning Office utilizing existing budgeted resources.

The department and agency members of the task force will incur some minor additional costs to participate. These costs can be absorbed within those agencies' existing budgeted resources.

The additional costs associated with participating as members of the Information Services Policy Board can be absorbed by the University of Maine System and the Maine Technical College System utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

SUMMARY

The bill directs the Maine Science and Technology Foundation to establish a clearinghouse for information regarding state information and technology. The bill also amends the composition of the Information Services Policy Board by including representatives from the University of Maine System and the Maine Technical College System as advisory members.

This amendment strikes the establishment of a clearinghouse for state information and technology and establishes a task force to look at information technology in the public sector. The purpose of the task force is to study the ways in which information regarding the State and its agencies is being accessed and to ensure that maximum access is achievable by utilizing compatible technologies. The task force is to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the Executive Director of the Legislative Council and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court by November 15, 1998.

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