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S.P. 544

In Senate, March 26, 1997

**Resolve, Establishing a Task Force to Propose Targeting of Revenue
Sharing Dollars to Communities That Accept Community-based Services.**

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Joy J. O'Brien'.

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SMALL of Sagadahoc.

2 **Sec. 1. Task force to be convened; membership. Resolved:** That
the Department of Education shall convene a task force to examine
4 methods of targeting revenue sharing dollars to communities that
accept community-based services funded by the State. The
6 Department of Corrections, the Bureau of Taxation and the
Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance
8 Abuse Services shall each appoint a representative to the task
force. The Department of Education shall request that the Maine
10 Municipal Association appoint a municipal representative to the
task force; and be it further

12 **Sec. 2. Duties of the task force. Resolved:** That the task force
shall examine ways to encourage communities to accept
14 community-based corrections and mental health services provided
through state funded group homes by reimbursing those
16 municipalities, through the revenue sharing system, for
additional expenditures. The task force shall consider whether
18 to give incentives to municipalities by such methods as providing
a weighting of the revenue sharing formula toward those
20 communities; and be it further

22 **Sec. 3. Funding; Staffing. Resolved:** That the Department of
Corrections, the Bureau of Taxation and the Department of Mental
24 Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services shall
jointly provide funding and staff assistance to the task force,
26 as needed; and be it further

28 **Sec. 4. Report. Resolved:** That the task force shall submit a
report to the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation no later than
30 January 1, 1998. The task force is authorized to submit
legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 118th
32 Legislature no later than February 1, 1998.

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SUMMARY

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38 This bill requires the Department of Education, the Bureau
of Taxation, the Department of Corrections and the Department of
40 Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to
meet with a representative from the Maine Municipal Association
to examine ways to provide funding for municipalities that accept
42 community-based services such as group homes.