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S.P. 593

In Senate, April 10, 1997

Resolve, to Promote the Health of Maine's Children.

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs 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 DAGGETT of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative KANE of Saco.

2 **Sec. 1. Maine Child Health Task Force. Resolved:** That the
3 Department of Education shall establish the Maine Child Health
4 Task Force, referred to in this resolve as the "task force." The
5 members of the task force must include representatives of the
6 Department of Education, the Department of Human Services, Bureau
7 of Health, school administrative units, nonprofit health-related
8 groups, providers of health services for children and other
9 persons considered appropriate by the Department of Education.
10 The Commissioner of Education shall designate the chair of the
11 task force and shall convene the first meeting of the task force
12 within 30 days of the effective date of this resolve; and be it
13 further

14 **Sec. 2. Duties of the task force. Resolved:** That the task force
15 shall develop a curriculum for a school pilot project that
16 focuses on health, physical fitness and physical activity using
17 math, reading and problem solving skills. The pilot project must
18 be based on proven research that a healthy, active, coordinated
19 person learns better and more easily. The curriculum must be:

20 1. Based on indicators of health such as height-weight
21 ratios, blood pressure, heart rate, cholesterol level and
22 activity;

23 2. Appropriate for introduction at the elementary grade
24 level;

25 3. Designed to be provided 2 times per week in a large
26 enough block of time to allow teachers to have time for
27 preparation, consulting and peer discussion; and

28 4. Designed for eventual statewide implementation; and be
29 it further

30 **Sec. 3. Report. Resolved:** That the task force shall make a
31 final report to the Legislature, with a copy to the Executive
32 Director of the Legislative Council, by January 1, 1999. The
33 report must describe the curriculum developed by the task force
34 and present a plan for implementation of pilot projects leading
35 to statewide implementation of the curriculum.

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SUMMARY

45 This resolve provides for the creation of the Maine Child
46 Health Task Force to develop a curriculum and plan for a pilot
47 project for elementary schools to focus on health, physical
48 fitness and physical activity.