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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
119TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 283, L.D. 391, Bill, "An Act to Develop a Department of Children"

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

'Resolve, To Create a Task Force to Implement the 1991 Report of the President's and Speaker's Blue Ribbon Commission on Children and Families'

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

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the study required by this resolve must be initiated before the 90-day period expires in order that the study may be completed and a report submitted in time for submission to the next legislative session; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Task force established. Resolved: That the Task Force to Implement the 1991 Report of the President's and Speaker's Blue Ribbon Commission on Children and Families, referred to in this resolve as the "task force," is established; and be it further

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2 **Sec. 2. Task force membership. Resolved:** That the task force
consists of 10 members as follows:

- 4 A. The President of the Senate;
- 6 B. The Speaker of the House;
- 8 C. The Majority Leader of the Senate;
- 10 D. The Assistant Majority Leader of the Senate;
- 12 E. The Minority Leader of the Senate;
- 14 F. The Assistant Minority Leader of the Senate;
- 16 G. The Majority Leader of the House of Representatives;
- 18 H. The Assistant Majority Leader of the House of
20 Representatives;
- 22 I. The Minority Leader of the House of Representatives; and
- 24 J. The Assistant Minority Leader of the House of
26 Representatives; and be it further

28 **Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the President of the Senate
and the Speaker of the House of Representatives are the chairs of
the task force; and be it further

30 **Sec. 4. Convening of task force. Resolved:** That the chairs shall
32 call and convene the first meeting of the task force no later
than 45 days after adjournment of the Second Regular Session of
34 the 119th Legislature; and be it further

36 **Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the task force shall create a
plan to implement the recommendations of the 1991 Report of the
38 President's and Speaker's Blue Ribbon Commission on Children and
Families; and be it further

40 **Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That, upon approval of the
42 Legislative Council, the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis
shall provide necessary staffing services to the task force; and
44 be it further

46 **Sec. 7. Compensation. Resolved:** That the members of the task
force are entitled to receive the legislative per diem, as
48 defined by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2, and
reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses related to
50 their attendance at meetings of the commission; and be it further

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2 **Sec. 8. Report. Resolved:** That the task force shall submit
4 its report, together with any recommended implementing
6 legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local
8 Government no later than November 1, 2000. If the task force
requires an extension of time to complete its report, it may
apply to the Legislative Council, which may grant the extension;
and be it further

10 **Sec. 9. Task force budget. Resolved:** That the chairs of the
12 task force, with assistance from the task force staff, shall
14 administer the task force's budget. Within 10 days after its
16 first meeting, the task force shall present a work plan and
proposed budget to the Legislative Council for its approval. The
task force may not incur expenses that would result in the task
force exceeding its approved budget.

18 Upon request from the task force, the Executive Director of
20 the Legislative Council or the Executive Director's designee
22 shall promptly provide the task force chair and staff with a
status report on the task force budget, expenditures incurred and
paid and available funds; and be it further

24 **Sec. 10. Appropriation. Resolved:** That the following funds are
26 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of
this resolve.

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32 **Task Force to Implement the 1991**
34 **Report of the President's and Speaker's**
36 **Blue Ribbon Commission on Children and**
Families

38	Personal Services	\$2,750
	All Other	3,000

40 Provides funds for the per
42 diem and expenses of
44 legislative members of the
46 Task Force to Implement the
48 1991 Report of the
President's and Speaker's
Blue Ribbon Commission on
Children and Families and to
print the required report.

50 **LEGISLATURE**
TOTAL \$5,750

