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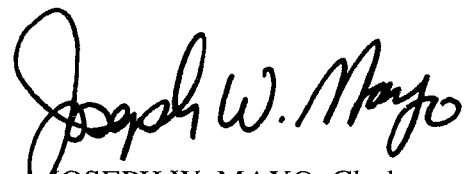
H.P. 596

House of Representatives, January 28, 1999

**Resolve, Establishing a Commission to Study the Maine Education
Assessment.**

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative MURPHY of Kennebunk.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BERRY of Belmont, JOY of Crystal, STEDMAN of
Hartland, Senator: MacKINNON of York.

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

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6 **Whereas,** important policy decisions concerning children's
education are under consideration by policymakers; and

8 **Whereas,** an evaluation of the Maine Education Assessment
will provide necessary information to these policymakers; and

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12 **Whereas,** this evaluation must take place in a timely manner;
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14 **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

20 **Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That the Commission
to Study the Maine Education Assessment, referred to in this
resolve as the "commission," is established; and be it further

24 **Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That the commission
consists of the following 12 members:

26 1. Six Legislators appointed jointly by the President of
28 the Senate and the Speaker of the House; and

30 2. Six members, none of whom may be officers or employees
of the Department of Education, appointed by the Governor; and be
32 it further

34 **Sec. 3. Appointments; meetings; chair. Resolved:** That all
appointments must be made no later than 10 days following the
36 effective date of this resolve. Upon making their appointments,
the appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of
38 the Legislative Council, who shall call and convene the first
meeting of the commission no later than August 15, 1999. At the
40 first meeting, the commission shall select a chair from among its
members; and be it further

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44 **Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall study the
construction, implementation, administration, grading and costs
and the impact on the length of the school year of the Maine
46 Education Assessment; and be it further

2 **Sec. 5. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the commission shall
request staffing and clerical assistance from the Legislative
Council; and be it further
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6 **Sec. 6. Report. Resolved:** That the commission shall submit a
report of its findings and, if any, recommendations and
accompanying legislation to the Second Regular Session of the
8 119th Legislature and to the Joint Standing Committee on
Education by December 1, 1999; and be it further
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12 **Sec. 7. Compensation. Resolved:** That the commission members
who are Legislators are entitled to receive the legislative per
diem for each day's attendance at meetings of the commission.
14 Other members are not entitled to reimbursement.

16 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.
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20 SUMMARY

22 This resolve establishes the Commission to Study the Maine
Education Assessment. The commission has 12 members, 6 of whom
24 are Legislators. The commission is to report to the Second
Regular Session of the 119th Legislature and the Joint Standing
26 Committee on Education by December 1, 1999.