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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 689, L.D. 956, "Resolve, to Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force to Study Strategies to Support Parents as Children's First Teachers"

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before summary and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. Home visiting services to parents. Resolved: That the Department of Human Services shall expand home visiting services to the parents of all newborn children in the State, if the parents desire the services, beginning January 1, 2000, until those children attain 5 years of age. The program of home visiting services must include provisions allowing the family to voluntarily pay a donation, for which a sliding scale based on income is provided by the department, upon termination of services to the family and a mechanism for evaluating the home visiting programs in operation within the State; and be it further

Sec. 2. Deadline for appointment of additional members to Task Force on Early Care and Education. Resolved: That, notwithstanding Resolve 1997, chapter 68, section 2, the 2 additional members of the Task Force on Early Care and Education appointed pursuant to this resolve must be appointed no later than 30 days after the effective date of this resolve; and be it further

Sec. 3. Resolve 1997, c. 68, §§1 and 2, amended. Resolved: That Resolve 1997, c. 68, §§1 and 2 are amended to read:

Sec. 1. Task force established. Resolved: That the Task Force to ~~Study Strategies to Support Parents as Children's First Teachers on Early Care and Education~~, referred to in this resolve as the "task force," is established to investigate ways to determine the most efficient and effective strategies to support parents as children's first and most influential teachers; and be it further

Sec. 2. Membership. Resolved: That the task force consists of ~~16~~ 18 members as follows:

1. ~~Two~~ Four Legislators jointly appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House;

2. The Commissioner of Education, or a designee;

3. The Commissioner of Human Services, or a designee;

4. The Commissioner of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, or a designee;

5. One member representing Healthy Start, designated by that program;

6. One member representing Head Start, designated by that program;

7. One member representing the Maine Children's Alliance, designated by the alliance;

8. One member representing the Maine Association of Child Abuse and Neglect Councils, designated by the ~~association~~ association;

9. Three members at large, appointed by the Governor;

10. One member representing elementary education, designated by the Maine Education Association;

11. One member representing the Parents as Teachers Program, designated by that program;

12. One member representing the Child Development Services System, designated by that program; and

13. One member representing the Maine Parent Federation, designated by that program.

All appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the

Legislative Council upon making their appointments. The Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall contact appointing authorities who have not made their appointments as of the required date; and be it further

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Sec. 4. Resolve 1997, c. 68, §5, last ¶, amended. Resolved: That Resolve 1997, c. 68, §5, last ¶ is amended to read:

As part of its study, the task force shall review early childhood education and parent support programs in other states and shall investigate all possible funding sources to implement its recommendations, including funding from private foundations, fee-for-service, federal grant programs and any other federal, state or local funding that may be available; ~~and be it further,~~

; and be it further

Sec. 5. Resolve 1997, c. 68, §5, amended. Resolved: That Resolve 1997, c. 68, §5 is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

The task force also shall monitor the development of the process that supports home visiting programs by the Department of Human Services; and be it further

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Sec. 6. Resolve 1997, c. 68, §9, amended. Resolved: That Resolve 1997, c. 68, §9, as amended by Resolve 1997, c. 122, §5 and affected by §7, is further amended to read:

Sec. 9. Report. Resolved: ~~That the task force shall submit to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, with a copy to the Governor, a report of its findings, including any necessary implementing legislation no later than December 1, 1997. In addition, the task force shall submit a follow-up report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and the Governor, including any necessary implementing legislation, no later than December 15, 1998. That the task force shall submit an interim report no later than January 15, 2000 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters and a final report to the same committees, including any necessary implementing legislation, no later than January 15, 2001.~~ If the task force requires an extension, it may apply to the Legislative Council, which may grant the extension; and be it further

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Sec. 7. Appropriation. Resolved: That the following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

	1999-00	2000-01
10 HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
12 Bureau of Health		
14 All Other	\$1,620,000	\$6,405,000
16 Provides funds to expand home		
18 visiting services to the		
20 parents of all newborn		
22 children.		
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES		
TOTAL	<u>\$1,620,000</u>	<u>\$6,405,000</u>
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28 and Education		
30 Personal Services	\$1,100	\$1,540
32 All Other	1,500	1,900
34 Provides funds for the per		
36 diem and expenses of		
38 legislative members of the		
40 Task Force on Early Care and		
42 Education and to print the		
44 interim report and the final		
46 report.		
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TOTAL	<u>\$2,600</u>	<u>\$3,440</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>\$1,622,600</u>	<u>\$6,408,440</u>

Further amend the resolve by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

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APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

General Fund \$1,622,600 \$6,408,440

This resolve includes General Fund appropriations of \$2,600 and \$3,440 in fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01, respectively, for the per diem and expenses of legislative members of the Task Force on Early Care and Education.

This resolve also includes General Fund appropriations of \$1,620,000 and \$6,405,000 in fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01, respectively, for the Department of Human Services to expand home visiting services to an estimated 3,400 children in fiscal year 1999-00 and 10,200 children in fiscal year 2000-01 and to establish a mechanism for evaluating the home visiting program.

Allowing the family to voluntarily pay a donation may increase General Fund revenue collected by the Department of Human Services. The amounts can not be estimated at this time.'

SUMMARY

This amendment is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. The amendment replaces the resolve. It retains the provisions of the resolve expanding home visiting services, requires an evaluation component, allows voluntary donations on a sliding scale by families upon termination of services to those families and adds appropriations to fund home visiting services. It changes the name of the task force to the "Task Force on Early Care and Education." It directs the task force to monitor the development of the process that supports home visiting programs by the Department of Human Services. It deletes reference to a course of study in parenting education. The amendment retains the provisions of the resolve that add 2 more members who are Legislators to the task force and extends the life of the task force until January 15, 2001. It requires an interim report of the task force before January 15, 2000 and a final report before January 15, 2001. It also adds an appropriation section and a fiscal note.