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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" 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:

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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 ~~council~~ 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

; and be it further

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

; and be it further

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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2 ; and be it further

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

8 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
 children beginning January 1,
 2000.

22 **DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**
 24 **TOTAL** \$1,620,000 \$6,405,000

26 **LEGISLATURE**

28 **Task Force on Early Care
 and Education**

30 Personal Services \$1,100 \$1,540
 32 All Other 1,500 1,900

34 Provides funds for the per
 diem and expenses of
 36 legislative members of the
 Task Force on Early Care and
 38 Education and to print the
 interim report and the final
 report.

40 **LEGISLATURE**
 42 **TOTAL** \$2,600 \$3,440

44 **TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS** \$1,622,600 \$6,408,440'

46 ; and be it further

48 **Sec. 8. Effective date. Resolved:** That this resolve takes
 50 effect 30 days after certification by the Treasurer of State to

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2 the Governor of receipt of funds by the State under the tobacco
3 settlement agreement entered into on November 23, 1998 by the
4 State and leading United States tobacco product manufacturers and
5 docketed by the Superior Court on December 9, 1998 in State of
6 Maine v. Phillip Morris, et al., Kennebec County Superior Court,
Docket No. CV-97-134.'

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

12 FISCAL NOTE

14 1999-00 2000-01

16 APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

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

20 This resolve is contingent upon the receipt of funds by the
21 State from the tobacco settlement agreement. The amount and
22 timing of the General Fund revenue that will be received from the
23 tobacco settlement can not be determined at this time.

24 This resolve includes General Fund appropriations of \$2,600
25 and \$3,440 in fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01, respectively, for
26 the per diem and expenses of legislative members of the Task
27 Force on Early Care and Education. This resolve also includes
28 General Fund appropriations of \$1,620,000 and \$6,405,000 in
29 fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01, respectively, for the
30 Department of Human Services to expand home visiting services,
31 beginning January 1, 2000, to an estimated 3,400 children in
32 fiscal year 1999-00 and 10,200 children in fiscal year 2000-01
33 and to establish a mechanism for evaluating the home visiting
34 program. These General Fund appropriations are contingent upon
35 the receipt of funds from the tobacco settlement.

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

42 The additional costs associated with certifying receipt of
43 tobacco settlement funds to the Governor can be absorbed by the
44 Office of the Treasurer utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

46 SUMMARY

48 This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing
50 Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and the Joint

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2 Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. The amendment
replaces the resolve. It retains the provisions of the resolve
4 expanding home visiting services, requires an evaluation
component, allows voluntary donations on a sliding scale by
6 families upon termination of services to those families and adds
appropriations to fund home visiting services. It changes the
8 name of the task force to the "Task Force on Early Care and
Education." It directs the task force to monitor the development
10 of the process that supports home visiting programs by the
Department of Human Services. It deletes reference to a course
12 of study in parenting education. The amendment retains the
provisions of the resolve that add 2 more members who are
14 Legislators to the task force and extends the life of the task
force until January 15, 2001. It requires an interim report of
16 the task force before January 15, 2000 and a final report before
January 15, 2001. It contains an effective date of 30 days after
18 certification from the Treasurer of State to the Governor of
receipt of funds under the settlement agreement entered into by
the State and the leading United States tobacco product
20 manufacturers. It also adds an appropriation section and a
fiscal note.

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