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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1230, L.D. 1759, "Resolve, Creating a Commission to Study the Multicultural Education Needs of Maine Teachers to Ensure Multicultural Awareness and Understanding for All Maine Students"

Amend the resolve in section 2 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 29 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "11" and inserting in its place the following: '9'

Further amend the resolve in section 2 by striking out all of subsection 4 and inserting in its place the following:

'4. One representative from each of the following groups:

- A. Passamaquoddy Tribe;
- B. Penobscot Indian Nation;
- C. Franco-Americans; and
- D. African Americans;'

Further amend the resolve in section 2 by striking out all of subsection 5.

Further amend the resolve in section 2 in subsection 6 in the last line (page 2, line 10 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "classroom;" and inserting in its place the following: 'classroom; and'

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2 Further amend the resolve in section 2 by striking out all
of subsection 7.

4 Further amend the resolve in section 2 by renumbering the
subsections to read consecutively.

6 Further amend the resolve in section 5 by striking out all
8 of subsections 1 to 3 and inserting in their place the following:

10 '1. Request the assistance of the Department of Education,
12 the State Board of Education, the University of Maine System
14 teacher preparation programs, representatives from African,
16 Latino and Native-American Society, ALANA, and Asian-American
constituencies and invite the participation of other experts and
interested parties as appropriate;

18 2. Request the assistance of the Education Research
Institute to conduct a survey of Maine teachers to determine the
following:

20 A. Current levels of completed academic courses or
22 fieldwork in a preprofessional or continuing professional
24 development in multicultural education programs and current
26 levels of participation in professional development
activities in multicultural education;

28 B. Success in multicultural classrooms;

30 C. Problems encountered in multicultural classrooms;

32 D. Knowledge of effective strategies in multicultural
education;

34 E. Resources available to teachers in multicultural
36 classrooms;

38 F. Skills necessary for success in multicultural education;
and

40 G. Anecdotal evidence of needs and prior knowledge of the
42 dominant Maine minority cultures, including, but not limited
44 to, Native Americans, Franco-Americans, African Americans,
Latinos and Asian Americans; and

46 3. Evaluate the survey and analyze the findings presented
by the Education Research Institute; and be it further'

48 Further amend the resolve by inserting after section 5 the
50 following:

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2 'Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved: That the commission may
3 request staffing assistance from the Legislative Council. The
4 commission, with the approval of the Steering Committee of the
5 Education Research Institute, may include the survey of Maine
6 teachers as one of the targeted research projects of the research
7 institute for fiscal year 1999-00; and be it further

8 'Sec. 7. Expenses. Resolved: That the legislative member of
9 the commission is entitled to receive the legislative per diem
10 and reimbursement of necessary expenses for the member's
11 attendance at authorized meetings of the commission. Public
12 members not otherwise compensated by their employers or other
13 entities whom they represent are entitled to receive
14 reimbursement of necessary expenses and a per diem equal to the
15 legislative per diem for their attendance at authorized meetings
16 of the commission; and be it further'

17 Further amend the resolve in section 6 in the last line
18 (page 3, line 13 in L.D.) by striking out the following:
19 "commission." and inserting in its place the following:
20 'commission; and be it further'

21 Further amend the resolve by inserting after section 6 the
22 following:

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

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34 Commission to Assess the Multicultural
35 Education Needs of Maine Teachers

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| 36 | Personal Services | \$1,760 |
| 37 | All Other | 15,488 |

38 Provides funds for the per diem and expenses
39 of the legislative member and other eligible
40 members for 4 meetings of the Commission to
41 Assess the Multicultural Education Needs of
42 Maine Teachers, costs related to the survey
43 and to print the report.

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45 TOTAL

46 \$17,248'

2 Further amend the resolve by relettering or renumbering any
nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
consecutively.
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6 Further amend the resolve by inserting at the end before the
summary the following:
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FISCAL NOTE

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12 **1999-00**

APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

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16 General Fund \$17,248

18 This resolve includes an additional General Fund
appropriation of \$17,248 in fiscal year 1999-00 for the per diem
20 and expenses of the legislative member and other eligible members
for 4 meetings of the Commission to Assess the Multicultural
22 Education Needs of Maine Teachers and for the printing, mailing
and analysis costs associated with conducting the required survey
24 and to print the report.

26 The additional costs associated with providing staffing
assistance to the commission during the interim between
28 legislative sessions can be absorbed by the Legislature utilizing
existing budgeted resources. If the commission requires staffing
30 assistance during the legislative session, the Legislature may
require an additional General Fund appropriation to contract for
32 staff services.

34 The additional costs associated with providing assistance to
the commission can be absorbed by the University of Maine System,
36 the Department of Education and the State Board of Education
utilizing existing budgeted resources. The Department of
38 Education can also absorb the costs associated with participating
as a member of the commission.
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42 The ability of the Education Research Institute to include
the survey as one of the targeted research projects for fiscal
year 1999-00 can not be determined at this time. Neither Public
44 Law 1999, chapter 16, the "current services" budget, nor the
Governor's proposed supplemental, "Part 2," budget include funds
46 for the Education Research Institute.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment changes the composition of the Commission to Assess the Multicultural Education Needs of Maine Teachers and reduces the membership from 11 members to 9 members. Under this amendment, the commission may request that the Steering Committee of the Education Research Institute include the survey of Maine teachers as one of the targeted research projects of the research institute for fiscal year 1999-00. The amendment also permits the commission to request staffing assistance from the Legislative Council and allows the legislative member and public members not otherwise compensated by their employers or other entities whom they represent to receive reimbursement of necessary expenses and a per diem for their attendance at authorized meetings of the commission.

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This amendment also adds an appropriation and a fiscal note to the resolve.

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