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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
119TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1658, L.D. 2327, "Resolve, to Establish a Commission to Study Teacher Recruitment and Retention"

Amend the amendment by inserting after the 2nd indented paragraph after the title 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, it is necessary and vital to the people of the State that the cause of teacher shortages and ways of recruiting and retaining teachers be determined; 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'

Further amend the amendment in section 4 in the 6th and 7th lines (page 2, lines 42 and 43 in amendment) by striking out the following: "Chair of the Legislative Council" and inserting in its place the following: 'Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's designee'

Further amend the amendment by striking out all of sections 6 to 9 and inserting in their place the following:

SENATE AMENDMENT

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2 **Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the Department of
Education shall provide staffing assistance and research services
to the commission; and be it further

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6 **Sec. 7. Reimbursement. Resolved:** That the members of the
commission shall serve without compensation; and be it further

8 **Sec. 8. Report. Resolved:** That the commission shall submit
its report, together with any necessary implementing legislation,
10 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having
jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs during the First
12 Regular Session of the 120th Legislature no later than December
1, 2000; and be it further

14 **Sec. 9. Appropriation. Resolved:** That the following funds are
16 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of
this resolve.

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20 **2000-01**

22 **EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

24 **General Purpose Aid for Local Schools**

26 All Other (\$30,000)

28 Deappropriates funds to offset
appropriations provided to the State Board
30 of Education to complete school funding
research.

32 **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**
34 **TOTAL** (\$30,000)

36 **STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

38 **State Board of Education**

40 All Other \$30,000

42 Provides funds to the State Board of
Education to complete funding research
44 pursuant to Public Law 1999, chapter 401,
Part GG.

46 **STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**
48 **TOTAL** \$30,000

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2 TOTAL APPROPRIATION \$0

4 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the
preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.' '

6 FISCAL NOTE

8 This amendment reduces the General Fund cost of the bill by
10 \$38,200 in fiscal year 2000-01, resulting in no net General Fund
costs in fiscal year 2000-01.

12 The Department of Education will incur some minor additional
14 costs to provide staff assistance to the commission, to
participate as a member of the commission and to submit the
16 required report. These costs can be absorbed within the
department's existing budgeted resources. The additional costs
18 associated with serving as a member of the Commission to Study
Kindergarten-to-grade 12 Educator Recruitment and Retention can
20 be absorbed by the Department of Labor, the University of Maine
System and the State Board of Education utilizing existing
22 budgeted resources.

24 As amended, this bill includes a General Fund appropriation
of \$30,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 for the State Board of
26 Education to continue research authorized in Public Law 1999, c.
401, Part GG. A corresponding deappropriation is included for
28 the Department of Education in fiscal year 2000-01 from the
General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program to offset the
30 funding provided to the board.

32 SUMMARY

34 This amendment adds an emergency preamble and an emergency
36 clause; requires the Commissioner of Education to convene the
first meeting of the commission; requires the Department of
38 Education to provide staffing assistance; changes the date by
which the commission must make its report to December 1, 2000;
40 and decreases the appropriation to \$30,000 by requiring the
commission members to serve without compensation.

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48 COUNTY: Penobscot

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SENATE AMENDMENT