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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 95, L.D. 321, Bill, "An Act to Strengthen Maine's Economic Development Incentive Laws"

Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause the following:

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §13070-L, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 761, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

1. Membership. The commission consists of 7 members appointed as follows:

A. Three members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate: 2 members of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters and one member of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters; and

B. Four members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House: 2 members of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters, one member of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs and one member of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over business and economic development matters.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §13070-L, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 761, §2, is repealed.

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2 **Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §13070-L, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1997, c.
761, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

4 **3. Terms; vacancies.** Members serve at the pleasure of the
5 appointing authority for the terms for which they are elected.
6 Appointments must be made within 30 days of the convening of each
7 new Legislature. Vacancies must be filled in the same manner as
8 the original appointments.

10 **Sec. 4. 5 MRSA §13070-L, sub-§4, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 1997, c.
761, §2, is amended to read:

12 B. Making recommendations to the ~~commissioner~~ Legislature
14 on additional economic development incentives that should be
16 included in section 13070-J, subsection 1;

18 **Sec. 5. 5 MRSA §13070-L, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

20 **6. Subcommittees.** The commission may form subcommittees to
21 examine any issue under the commission's jurisdiction and make
22 recommendations to the full commission. The commission may
23 appoint to subcommittees, in addition to commission members, any
24 other persons the commission determines may assist the
25 subcommittees in their work.'

26 Further amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the
28 following:

30 '**Sec. 2. Transition.** Appointments made to the Economic
31 Development Incentive Commission prior to the effective date of
32 this Act terminate on the effective date of this Act. The
33 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
34 Representatives shall appoint members of the commission as
35 provided in this Act within 30 days of the effective date of this
36 Act. The Economic Development Incentive Commission as
37 constituted under this Act is the successor to the Economic
38 Development Incentive Commission as constituted prior to the
effective date of this Act.

40 **Sec. 3. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated
42 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	2001-02	2002-03
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48 Personal Services	\$2,695	\$1,925
50 All Other	3,250	1,925

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2 Provides funds for the per
4 diem and expenses of members
of the Economic Development
6 Incentive Commission and to
print the required report.

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10 TOTAL	\$5,945	\$3,850'

12 Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any
nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
14 consecutively.

16 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
summary the following:

FISCAL NOTE

20		2001-02	2002-03
22 APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS			
24	General Fund	\$5,945	\$3,850

26 The Legislature will require additional General Fund
28 appropriations of \$5,945 in fiscal year 2001-02 and in
even-numbered fiscal years thereafter and \$3,850 in fiscal year
30 2002-03 and in odd-numbered fiscal years thereafter for the per
diem and expenses of the members of the Economic Development
32 Incentive Commission as a result of the continuation of the
commission and the change in the commission's membership. If the
34 commission is required to contract for studies or research,
additional appropriations may be required. The Legislature will
36 also incur additional costs associated with providing staff
assistance to the commission. The ability of the Legislature and
38 the Office of Fiscal and Program Review to absorb these
additional responsibilities within existing staff resources can
40 not be determined at this time. Additional staffing may be
required by the Office of Fiscal and Program Review.

42 The additional costs associated with the continuation of the
44 activities and responsibilities of the Economic Development
Incentive Commission can be absorbed by the Department of
46 Economic and Community Development utilizing existing budgeted
resources.'

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SUMMARY

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4 This amendment changes the membership of the Economic
6 Development Incentive Commission from 11 members, including
8 representatives of state agencies and interest groups, to 7
 members of the Legislature. The commission is authorized to
 appoint subcommittees that include nonlegislative members. The
 amendment also adds an appropriation section, a transition
 section and a fiscal note to the bill.