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**APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
120TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 370, L.D. 472, "Resolve, to Establish a Fatherhood Issues Study Commission"

Amend the resolve by inserting after the title and before the concept draft summary the following:

**Sec. 1. Commission on Fatherhood Issues established. Resolved:** That the Commission on Fatherhood Issues, referred to in this resolve as the "commission," is established; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That the commission consists of the following 9 members:

1. Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate, one of whom is a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary and one of whom is a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services;

2. Three members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, at least one of whom is a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary and at least one of whom is a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services;

3. Two public members appointed by the President of the Senate; and

2 4. Two public members appointed by the Speaker of the  
House; and be it further

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6 **Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the first named Senate member  
is the Senate chair of the commission and the first named House  
of Representatives member is the House chair of the commission;  
8 and be it further

10 **Sec. 4. Appointments; meetings. Resolved:** That all  
12 appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the  
effective date of this resolve. The Executive Director of the  
14 Legislative Council must be notified by the appointing  
authorities once the selections have been made. When the  
16 appointment of all members has been completed, the chairs of the  
commission shall convene the first meeting of the commission no  
18 later than August 21, 2002. The chairs of the commission shall  
call no more than 4 meetings; and be it further

20 **Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall study  
issues associated with being a father in the State.

22 1. In conducting the study, the commission shall:

24 A. Determine the multiple barriers to fathers' involvement  
26 in the lives of their children;

28 B. Identify the availability of private and public services  
30 statewide to enhance the parenting abilities of fathers;

32 C. Identify significant personal, institutional, legal and  
cultural barriers to active, positive parenting by fathers;  
34 and

36 D. Identify and develop strategies to improve the parenting  
abilities of fathers across the socioeconomic spectrum and  
38 varying resident status; and be it further

40 **Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That, upon approval of the  
Legislative Council, the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis  
42 shall provide necessary staffing services to the commission; and  
be it further

44 **Sec. 7. Compensation. Resolved:** That the legislative members  
of the commission are entitled to the legislative per diem, as  
46 defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2, and  
reimbursement for necessary expenses incurred for their  
48 attendance at authorized meetings of the commission. Public  
members not otherwise compensated by their employers or other

entities whom they represent are entitled to receive reimbursement of necessary expenses; and be it further

**Sec. 8. Report. Resolved:** That the commission shall submit its report, together with any necessary implementing legislation, no later than November 6, 2002. The commission is authorized to introduce legislation related to its report to the First Regular Session of the 121st Legislature. If the commission requires a limited extension of time to conclude its work, it may apply to the Legislative Council, which may grant the extension; and be it further

**Sec. 9. Budget. Resolved:** That the chairs of the commission, with assistance from the commission staff, shall administer the commission's budget. Within 10 days after its first meeting, the commission shall present a work plan and proposed budget to the Legislative Council for approval. The commission may not incur expenses that would result in the commission's exceeding its approved budget. Upon request from the commission, the Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall promptly provide the commission chairs and staff with a status report on the commission's budget, expenditures incurred and paid and available funds; and be it further

**Sec. 10. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**LEGISLATURE**

**Commission on Fatherhood Issues**

Initiative: Provides funds for the per diem and expenses of legislative members and the reimbursement of necessary expenses of public members of the Commission on Fatherhood Issues, as well as printing and mailing costs.

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>2001-02</b>	<b>2002-03</b>
Personal Services	\$0	\$1,100
All Other	<u>0</u>	<u>2,600</u>
General Fund Total	\$0	\$3,700'

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

**FISCAL NOTE**

**2002-03**

**APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

