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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
120TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 271, L.D. 936, "Resolve, Creating the State Fire and Emergency Medical Services Academy"

Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, Directing a Study of the Creation of a Fire and Emergency Services Academy'

Further amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place 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, funds necessary to accomplish the study created by this resolve will lapse unless this resolve is effective immediately; 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

Sec. 1. Maine Fire Protection Services Commission directed to study creation of central fire fighting training academy. Resolved: That the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission, within existing resources, shall conduct a study of the following:

1. The need for a central fire fighting training academy in the State; and

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2. If it finds there is need for a central fire fighting training academy in the State, where the academy would most appropriately be located and the feasibility of establishing it, including the feasibility of creating a unified state fire and emergency medical services academy housed and administered as part of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy; and be it further

Sec. 2. Conduct of study. Resolved: That the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission, in conducting the study described in section 1, shall consult with any agency, organization or person in order to adequately undertake the study; and be it further

Sec. 3. Report. Resolved: That the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice by January 1, 2002 of the commission's findings, conclusions and recommendations resulting from the study required under section 1. The commission may include in the report suggested legislation to implement its recommendations; and be it further

Sec. 4. Authority to report out legislation. Resolved: That the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice may report out to the Second Regular Session of the 120th Legislature legislation relating to the creation of a central fire fighting training academy in the State; and be it further

Sec. 5. Certain funds not to lapse. Resolved: That, notwithstanding Public Law 1999, chapter 731, Part AAAA, section 4, any unexpended appropriations to the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission pursuant to Public Law 1999, chapter 731, Part AAAA, section 4 do not lapse but must be carried forward to fiscal year 2001-02 and may be used to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

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

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

FISCAL NOTE

Prohibiting any unspent funds that were originally appropriated to the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission in fiscal year 2000-01 from lapsing back to the General Fund may reduce the amount of funds that lapse back to the General Fund and may increase the amount of funds that are available to the commission for expenditure in fiscal year 2001-02. The amounts can not be determined at this time.

2 The Maine Fire Protection Services Commission will incur
4 some minor additional costs to submit a required report to the
 Legislature. These costs can be absorbed within the commission's
 existing budgeted resources.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment replaces the resolve. This amendment:

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1. Directs the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission to
study the need and feasibility of creating a central fire
14 fighting training facility in the State and to report its
 recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal
16 Justice by January 1, 2002;

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2. Authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal
Justice to report out legislation to the Second Regular Session
20 of the 120th Legislature in response to the report;

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3. Provides that unexpended funds appropriated to the Maine
Fire Protection Services Commission in fiscal year 2000-01 are
24 carried forward to fiscal year 2001-02;

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4. Adds an emergency preamble and clause to the resolve; and

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5. Adds a fiscal note to the resolve.