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L.D. 1264
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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 120TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " \mathcal{A} " to H.P. 950, L.D. 1264, Bill, "An
Act to Refine the Governance and Funding of the Education Research Institute"
Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:
'Resolve, to Establish a Task Force to Refine the Governance and
Funding of the Education Research Institute'
Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the
title and before the concept draft summary and inserting in its
place the following:
'Sec. 1. Task force established. Resolved: That the Task Force
to Refine the Governance and Funding of the Education Research Institute, referred to in this resolve as the "task force," is
established; and be it further
Sec. 2. Task force membership. Resolved: That the task force
consists of 7 members appointed as follows:
1. Three members of the Joint Standing Committee or
Education and Cultural Affairs, one of whom is a member of the
Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate, and 2 of whom
are members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the
Speaker of the House, including the member who is the chair of the Education Research Institute Steering Committee and a member
who represents the party holding the 2nd largest number of seats
in the House of Representatives;

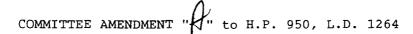
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2	2. Two members of the Education Research Institute Steering
4	Committee, one of whom is appointed by the President of the Senate and one of whom is appointed by the Speaker of the House;
	and
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_	3. Two members who are the codirectors of the Education
8	Research Institute, who serve as ex officio, nonvoting members; and be it further
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	Sec. 3. Chair. Resolved: That the chair of the Education
12	Research Institute Steering Committee serves as the chair of the
7.4	task force; and be it further
14	Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of task force. Resolved: That all
16	appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the
10	effective date of this resolve. The appointing authorities shall
18	notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council once all
	appointments have been completed. Within 15 days after
20	appointment of all members, the chair shall call and convene the
	first meeting of the task force; and be it further
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2.4	Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved: That the task force shall examine
24	the following issues concerning the governance and funding of the Education Research Institute:
26	Education Research institute.
	1. The role and responsibility of the institute in
28	collecting and analyzing education information and performing
	targeted education research for the Legislature;
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2.0	2. The history and current status of funding for the
32	institute, including alternative funding approaches that car provide predictable, sustainable and adequate funding to support
34	the purposes of the institute; and
34	the purposes of the institute, and
36	3. The roles and responsibilities of the Joint Standing
	Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and the Education
38	Research Institute Steering Committee in developing the work plan
	of the institute; and be it further
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42	Sec. 6. Staff assistance; technical assistance. Resolved: That, upon approval of the Executive Director of the Legislative Council,
44	the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis shall provide staff
44	services to the task force; and be it further
46	Sec. 7. Compensation. Resolved: That the members of the task
	force are entitled to receive legislative per diem, as defined in

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the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2, and reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses related to



their attendance at meetings of the task force. Public members not otherwise compensated by their employers or other entities whom they represent are entitled to receive reimbursement of necessary expenses and a per diem equal to the legislative per diem for their attendance at authorized meetings of the task force; and be it further

Sec. 8. Report. Resolved: That the task force shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and the Legislative Council by January 15, 2002. The task force is not authorized to introduce legislation. Following receipt and review of the report, the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 120th Legislature. If the task force requires an extension of time to complete its report, it may apply to the Legislative Council, which may grant the extension; and be it further

Sec. 9. Budget. Resolved: That the task force chair, with assistance from the task force staff, shall administer the task force budget. Within 10 days after its first meeting, the task force shall present a work plan and proposed budget to the Legislative Council for approval. The task force may not incur expenses that would result in the task force's exceeding its approved budget; and be it further

Sec. 10. Appropriation. Resolved: That the following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

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	Personal Services	\$ 660
40	All Other	1,400

Provides funds for the per diem and expenses of legislative members of the Task Force to Refine the Governance and Funding of the Education Research Institute and to print the required report.

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\$2,060'

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fiscal note to the resolve.

2	Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:
4	'FISCAL NOTE
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10	APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS
12	General Fund \$2,060
14	The Legislature will require an additional General Fund appropriation of \$2,060 in fiscal year 2001-02 for the per diem
16	and expenses of legislative members and other eligible members of the Task Force to Refine the Governance and Funding of the
18	Education Research Institute and to print the required report.
10	The additional costs associated with providing staffing
20	assistance to the task force during the interim between legislative sessions can be absorbed by the Legislature utilizing
22	existing budgeted resources. If an extension of the reporting deadline is granted and the task force requires staffing
24	assistance during the legislative session, the Legislature may require an additional General Fund appropriation to contract for
26	staff services.'
28	SUMMARY
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32	This amendment strikes and replaces the bill with a resolve to establish the Task Force to Refine the Governance and Funding of the Education Research Institute. The duties of the task
34	force include clarifying the responsibilities of the institute in conducting education policy research for the Legislature,
36	providing predictable, sustainable and adequate funding to support the purposes of the institute and defining the roles and
38	responsibilities of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and the institute's steering committee in
40	developing the work plan of the institute.
42	The task force is to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and the Legislative Council by
44	January 15, 2002. The Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs may introduce a bill during the Second Regular
46	Session of the 120th Legislature to implement the recommendations of the task force. It also adds an appropriation section and

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