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**EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "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 on 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  
3           Committee, one of whom is appointed by the President of the  
4           Senate and one of whom is appointed by the Speaker of the House;  
5           and

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7           3. Two members who are the codirectors of the Education  
8           Research Institute, who serve as ex officio, nonvoting members;  
9           and be it further

10           **Sec. 3. Chair. Resolved:** That the chair of the Education  
11           Research Institute Steering Committee serves as the chair of the  
12           task force; and be it further

13           **Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of task force. Resolved:** That all  
14           appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the  
15           effective date of this resolve. The appointing authorities shall  
16           notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council once all  
17           appointments have been completed. Within 15 days after  
18           appointment of all members, the chair shall call and convene the  
19           first meeting of the task force; and be it further

20           **Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the task force shall examine  
21           the following issues concerning the governance and funding of the  
22           Education Research Institute:

23           1. The role and responsibility of the institute in  
24           collecting and analyzing education information and performing  
25           targeted education research for the Legislature;

26           2. The history and current status of funding for the  
27           institute, including alternative funding approaches that can  
28           provide predictable, sustainable and adequate funding to support  
29           the purposes of the institute; and

30           3. The roles and responsibilities of the Joint Standing  
31           Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and the Education  
32           Research Institute Steering Committee in developing the work plan  
33           of the institute; and be it further

34           **Sec. 6. Staff assistance; technical assistance. Resolved:** That, upon  
35           approval of the Executive Director of the Legislative Council,  
36           the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis shall provide staff  
37           services to the task force; and be it further

38           **Sec. 7. Compensation. Resolved:** That the members of the task  
39           force are entitled to receive legislative per diem, as defined in  
40           the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2, and reimbursement  
41           for travel and other necessary expenses related to

2 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  
4 necessary expenses and a per diem equal to the legislative per  
diem for their attendance at authorized meetings of the task  
6 force; and be it further

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

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

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

32 2001-02

34 **LEGISLATURE**

36 **Task Force to Refine the Governance and  
Funding of the Education Research Institute**

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40 Personal Services \$ 660  
All Other 1,400

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

48 **LEGISLATURE**  
**TOTAL** \$2,060'

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

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6 **FISCAL NOTE**

8 **2001-02**

10 **APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

12 General Fund \$2,060

14 The Legislature will require an additional General Fund  
16 appropriation of \$2,060 in fiscal year 2001-02 for the per diem  
and expenses of legislative members and other eligible members of  
the Task Force to Refine the Governance and Funding of the  
Education Research Institute and to print the required report.

18 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**

30 This amendment strikes and replaces the bill with a resolve  
32 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  
48 fiscal note to the resolve.