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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1097, L.D. 1466, "Resolve, to Study the Benefits and Costs for Increasing Access to Family and Medical Leave for Maine Families"

Amend the resolve by striking out all of sections 2 and 3 and inserting in their place the following:

Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved: That the commission consists of the following 15 members:

- 1. Two members of the business community, one representing a large business and one representing a small business, appointed by the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development;
- 2. One member from the Maine State Chamber of Commerce, appointed by the president of the chamber;
- 3. Three members representing labor, women's groups and senior citizens, appointed by the Governor;
- 4. Four members appointed by the President of the Senate as follows:
  - A. One Senator;
  - B. One representative of employers in the health care industry;

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2 C. One representative of employers in the insurance industry; and

4 D. One representative of municipal employers;

6 5. Four members appointed by the Speaker of the House as follows:

8 A. One member of the House of Representatives;

10 B. One representative of the low-income advocacy field;

12 C. One representative from a child care organization; and

14 D. One parent or educator; and

16 6. The Commissioner of Labor or the commissioner's designee.

18 The Senator and the member of the House of Representatives may not be members of the same political party; and be it further

22 **Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the Senate member is the Senate chair of the commission and the House of Representatives member is the House chair of the commission; and be it further'

26 Further amend the resolve in section 5 by striking out all of subsection 2 and inserting in its place the following:

28 '2. In examining the questions set out in subsection 1, the commission may:

30 A. Hold informational sessions for discussions with knowledgeable persons;

32 B. Conduct, summarize and analyze the results of a literature search;

34 C. Conduct, tabulate and analyze the results of a survey of the public or affected persons and groups;

36 D. Procure and analyze relevant data;

38 E. Conduct legal research and prepare opinions on legal questions within the scope of the study; and

40 F. Determine and summarize the legislative actions or governmental programs undertaken in other jurisdictions related to issues within the scope of the study; and be it further'

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2 Further amend the resolve in section 8 in the 4th line (page  
3, line 35 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "March 1,  
4 2002" and inserting in its place the following: 'December 1,  
2001'

6 Further amend the resolve by striking out all of section 9  
and inserting in its place the following:

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9 'Sec. 9. Budget; grants. Resolved: That the chairs of the  
10 commission, with assistance from the commission staff, shall  
11 administer the commission's budget. Within 10 days after its  
12 first meeting, the commission shall present a work plan and  
13 proposed budget to the Legislative Council for approval. The  
14 commission may not incur expenses that would result in the  
15 commission's exceeding its approved budget. Upon request from  
16 the commission, the Executive Director of the Legislative Council  
17 shall promptly provide the commission chairs and staff with a  
18 status report on the commission's budget, expenditures incurred  
19 and paid and available funds. The chairs of the commission may  
20 seek and accept grants and other outside funding on behalf of the  
21 commission. Prompt notice of solicitation and acceptance of such  
22 funds must be sent to the Legislative Council. All funds  
23 accepted must be forwarded to the executive director, along with  
24 an accounting that includes amount, date received, from whom,  
25 purpose and limitation on use of the funds. The executive  
26 director administers any funds received; and be it further

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

32 2001-02

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36 Commission to Study the Benefits and Costs  
37 for Increasing Access to Family and Medical  
38 Leave for Maine Families

40	Personal Services	\$440
42	All Other	5,600

44 Provides funds for legislative members and  
45 other eligible members of the Commission to  
46 Study the Benefits and Costs for Increasing  
47 Access to Family and Medical Leave for Maine  
48 Families, to conduct a survey, to hold  
49 informational meetings and to print the  
50 required report.

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TOTAL \$6,040

4 ; and be it further

6 Sec. 11. Allocation. Resolved: That the following funds are  
8 allocated from Other Special Revenue funds to carry out the  
purposes of this resolve.

10 2001-02

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14 Commission to Study the Benefits and Costs  
16 for Increasing Access to Family and Medical  
Leave for Maine Families

18 All Other \$500

20 Provides funds as a base allocation for the  
22 Commission to Study the Benefits and Costs  
for Increasing Access to Family and Medical  
24 Leave for Maine Families in the event that  
the commission receives outside funding or  
26 grants in support of its work.'

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

30 FISCAL NOTE

32 2001-02

34 APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

36 General Fund \$6,040  
38 Other Funds 500

40 The Legislature will require an additional General Fund  
42 appropriation of \$6,040 in fiscal year 2001-02 for the per diem  
and expenses of legislative members and other eligible members of  
44 the Commission to Study the Benefits and Costs for Increasing  
Access to Family and Medical Leave for Maine Families, to conduct  
46 a survey, to hold informational sessions and to print the  
required report.

48 The additional costs associated with providing staffing  
assistance to the commission during the interim between  
50 legislative sessions can be absorbed by the Legislature utilizing

2 existing budgeted resources. If an extension of the reporting  
deadline is granted and the commission requires staffing  
4 assistance during the legislative session, the Legislature may  
require an additional General Fund appropriation to contract for  
staff services.

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8 The additional costs associated with the establishment of  
the commission can be absorbed by the Department of Labor and the  
10 Department of Economic and Community Development utilizing  
existing budgeted resources.'

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14 **SUMMARY**

16 This amendment changes the membership of the Commission to  
Study the Benefits and Costs for Increasing Access to Family and  
18 Medical Leave for Maine Families as follows: it adds a  
representative of municipal employers and a parent or educator;  
20 it reduces the number of Senators and members of the House of  
Representatives to one each, of different political parties; it  
22 changes the chamber of commerce representative to a member of the  
state chamber rather than the Kennebec Valley chamber and it  
changes the Commissioner of Human Services to the Commissioner of  
24 Labor. It also changes the deadline for the report and  
legislation from March 1, 2002 to December 1, 2001. Finally, it  
26 adds language regarding acceptance of outside funding, an  
appropriation section, an allocation section and a fiscal note to  
28 the resolve.