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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1118, L.D. 1487, "Resolve, to Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission to Review Special Education Laws"

Amend the resolve in section 1 in subsection 1 by striking out all of paragraph B and inserting in its place the following:

'B. Two members from the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, one of whom serves on the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services and one of whom serves on the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs;'

Further amend the resolve in section 1 in subsection 1 in paragraph E in the first line (page 1, line 28 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Seven" and inserting in its place the following: 'Nine'

Further amend the resolve in section 1 in subsection 1 in paragraph E by striking out all of subparagraphs (6) and (7) and inserting in their place the following:

'(6) One parent whose child has a developmental disability;

(7) One parent whose child has a behavioral problem;

(8) One person who is a home school educator; and

(9) One person who is a director of a special education program.'

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R. S.

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Further amend the resolve in section 1 in subsection 8 in the last line (page 3, line 29 in L.D.) by striking out the following "funds." and inserting in its place the following: 'funds; and be it further'

Further amend the resolve by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. Appropriation. Resolved: That the following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

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**Blue Ribbon Commission to Review
Special Education Laws**

Personal Services	\$1,320
All Other	6,700

Provides funds for the per diem and expenses of legislative members and other eligible members of the Blue Ribbon Commission to Review Special Education Laws, to hold information sessions, to conduct a survey and to print the required report.

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TOTAL	\$8,020'
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Further amend the resolve by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

'FISCAL NOTE

2001-02

APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

General Fund	\$8,020
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The Legislature will require an additional General Fund appropriation of \$8,020 in fiscal year 2001-02 for the per diem and expenses of legislative members and other eligible members of the Blue Ribbon Commission to Review Special Education Laws, to hold information sessions, to conduct a survey and to print the required report.

R. A. E.

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The additional costs associated with providing staffing assistance to the commission during the interim between legislative sessions can be absorbed by the Legislature utilizing existing budgeted resources. If an extension of the reporting deadline is granted and the commission requires staffing assistance during the legislative session, the Legislature may require an additional General Fund appropriation to contract for staff services.

The additional costs associated with membership on the commission can be absorbed by the Department of Education and the Department of Human Services utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

SUMMARY

This amendment changes the membership of the Blue Ribbon Commission to Review Special Education Laws by removing 2 Legislators and adding in their place a person who is a home school educator and a person who is a director of a special education program.

This amendment also adds an appropriation and a fiscal note to the resolve.