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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 616, L.D. 1797, "Resolve, to Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission on Postsecondary Educational Achievement"

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

'Resolve, to Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission on Postsecondary Educational Attainment'

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

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

1. Two members from the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate. In making these appointments, the President shall give preference to members of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development;

2. Two members from the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House. In making these appointments, the Speaker shall give preference to members of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development;

3. The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's designee;

4. The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development or the commissioner's designee;

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2 Provides funds for the per diem and expenses
of legislative members and expenses of other
4 eligible members of the Blue Ribbon
Commission on Postsecondary Educational
6 Attainment and to print the required report.

8 **LEGISLATURE**
TOTAL \$4,400'

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

14 **FISCAL NOTE**

16 **2001-02**

18 **APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

20 General Fund \$4,400

22 The Legislature will require an additional General Fund
24 appropriation of \$4,400 in fiscal year 2001-02 for the per diem
and expenses of legislative members and expenses of other
26 eligible members of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Postsecondary
Educational Attainment and to print the required report.

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

36 The additional costs associated with membership on the Blue
38 Ribbon Commission on Postsecondary Educational Attainment can be
absorbed by the Department of Education, the Board of Trustees of
40 the Maine Technical College System, the Board of Trustees of the
University of Maine System, the Maine Maritime Academy and the
42 Department of Economic and Community Development utilizing
existing budgeted resources.'

46 **SUMMARY**

48 This amendment corrects the title of the resolve to
accurately state the name of the blue ribbon commission created
50 by the resolve.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 616, L.D. 1797

2 This amendment revises the membership of the Blue Ribbon
Commission on Postsecondary Educational Attainment. It decreases
4 the number of Senate and House members to 2 each, and requires
the President and the Speaker, when making the appointments, to
6 give preference to members of the Joint Standing Committee on
Education and Cultural Affairs and the Joint Standing Committee
8 on Business and Economic Development. It also adds the
Commissioner of Economic and Community Development or the
10 commissioner's designee and a member of a statewide association
of school guidance counselors appointed by the Governor.

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14 The amendment also adds an appropriation section and a
fiscal note to the resolve.