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14 **STATE OF MAINE**
14 **SENATE**
16 **120TH LEGISLATURE**
16 **SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

18 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 733, L.D. 2043, "Resolve,
20 to Study School Administrative Unit Organization in Maine"

22 Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 2 and
24 inserting in its place the following:

26 **Sec. 2. Study group membership. Resolved:** That the
26 Commissioner of Education and the Chair of the State Board of
28 Education shall jointly appoint members of the study group from a
28 list of candidates recommended by the nominating authorities as
30 specified in this section. In nominating members to the study
30 group, the nominating authorities shall select nominees who have
32 experience working with, or special knowledge of, one or more
32 types of school administrative unit or regional collaboratives.
34 In appointing members to the study group, the Commissioner of
34 Education and the Chair of the State Board of Education shall
36 give proper consideration to achieving statewide geographical
36 representation. The membership of the study group includes, but
38 is not limited to, the following members:

40 1. Two superintendents appointed from a list of
40 superintendents recommended by the Maine School Superintendents
42 Association;

44 2. Two school board members appointed from a list of school
44 board members recommended by the Maine School Boards Association;

46 3. Two elected or appointed municipal officials appointed
48 from a list of elected or appointed municipal officials
48 recommended by the Maine Municipal Association;

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- 2 4. One teacher appointed from a list of teachers
recommended by the Maine Education Association;
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6 5. One principal appointed from a list of principals
recommended by the Maine Principals' Association;
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10 6. Two members of the general public;
12 7. One member from the Department of Education; and
14 8. One member of the State Board of Education; and be it
further

16 **Sec. 3. Chairs; convening of study group. Resolved:** That the
Commissioner of Education and the Chair of the State Board of
Education shall jointly appoint cochairs of the study group.
18 When the appointment of all study group members is complete, the
cochairs of the study group shall call and convene the first
20 meeting of the study group; and be it further'

22 Further amend the resolve in section 3 in subsection 2 in
the last line (page 1, line 40 in L.D.) by striking out the
24 following: "State; and" and inserting in its place the following:
'State;'

26 Further amend the resolve in section 3 in subsection 3 in
the last line (page 2, line 2 in L.D.) by striking out the
28 following: "transportation." and inserting in its place the
following: 'transportation; and'

32 Further amend the resolve in section 3 by inserting after
subsection 3 a new subsection to read:

34 '4. Investigate any existing disincentives to forming
36 regional collaboratives and identify strategies that may be
applicable to removing or overcoming these disincentives.'

38 Further amend the resolve in section 3 in the indented
40 paragraph in the 5th line (page 2, line 8 in L.D.) by inserting
after the following: "Institute." the following: 'The study group
42 shall consider the recommendations contained in the preliminary
and final reports of the task force on school governance convened
44 by the State Board of Education at the request of the Joint
Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs during the
46 First Regular Session of the 120th Legislature.'

48 Further amend the resolve in section 4 in the last line
(page 2, line 26 in L.D.) by inserting after the following:
50 "recommendations" the following: '. Following receipt and review

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2 of the report, the joint standing committee of the Legislature
3 having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs matters
4 may report out legislation related to the recommendations
5 contained in the report to the Second Regular Session of the
6 121st Legislature'

8 Further amend the resolve by relettering or renumbering any
9 nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
10 consecutively.

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

14 'FISCAL NOTE

16 The additional costs associated with convening a study group
17 to develop recommendations and submit the required report can be
18 absorbed by the Department of Education and the State Board of
19 Education utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

22 SUMMARY

24 This amendment is the majority report of the Joint Standing
25 Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. The amendment
26 proposes to make the following changes to the resolve:

28 1. It clarifies that the Commissioner of Education and the
29 Chair of the State Board of Education shall jointly appoint
30 members of the study group from a list of candidates recommended
31 by nominating authorities;

34 2. It provides that the nominating authorities shall select
35 nominees who have experience working with or special knowledge of
36 one or more types of school administrative unit or regional
37 collaboratives;

38 3. It provides that the Commissioner of Education and the
39 Chair of the State Board of Education shall give proper
40 consideration to achieving statewide geographical representation
41 in appointing members to the study group;

44 4. It provides that, when the appointment of all study
45 group members is complete, the cochairs of the study group shall
46 call and convene the first meeting of the study group;

48 5. It provides that the study group shall also investigate
any existing disincentives to forming regional collaboratives and

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2 shall identify strategies that may be applicable to removing or
overcoming these disincentives;

4 6. It provides that the study group shall consider the
recommendations presented in the preliminary and final reports of
6 the task force on school governance convened by the State Board
of Education; and

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10 7. It clarifies that the joint standing committee of the
Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural
12 affairs matters is authorized to submit its proposed legislation
to the Second Regular Session of the 121st Legislature.

14 It also adds a fiscal note to the resolve.