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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 193, L.D. 553, "Resolve, To
Study the Needs of Deaf and Hard-of-hearing Children and
Adolescents"

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

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'Sec. 2. Task force membership. Resolved: That the task force
consists of 18 members appointed as follows:

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1. Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of
the Senate;

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2. Two members of the House of Representatives, appointed
by the Speaker of the House;

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3. Eleven members appointed by the Governor as follows:

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A. A behavioral health service provider providing
specialized services for deaf or hard-of-hearing youths;

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B. A behavioral health service provider not serving deaf or
hard-of-hearing youths;

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C. A parent of a deaf or hard-of-hearing youth;

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D. A representative of a hospital with an inpatient
psychiatric unit;

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E. A representative of a public school district;

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F. A representative from the Governor Baxter School for the
Deaf;

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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- 2 G. A representative of educators of deaf students;
- 4 H. A representative of the Department of Labor, Bureau of
Rehabilitation Services, Division of Deafness;
- 6 I. A representative of providers of behavioral health
8 services;
- 10 J. A representative of persons who advocate for deaf
students in special education proceedings; and
- 12 K. A representative of a nationally accredited, statewide
14 provider of behavioral health services providing specialized
16 mental health services for deaf or hard-of-hearing youths in
a day treatment model;
- 18 4. The Commissioner of Human Services, or the
commissioner's designee;
- 20 5. The Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's
22 designee; and
- 24 6. The Commissioner of Behavioral and Developmental
Services, or the commissioner's designee; and be it further'

26 Further amend the resolve in section 5 by striking out all
28 of subsection 1 (page 2, lines 28 to 31 in L.D.) and inserting in
its place the following:

30 '1. Services that are currently available to serve the
32 needs of deaf and hard-of-hearing children and adolescents and
the ability of the providers of those services to provide
34 culturally competent, linguistically accessible services. The
task force shall review educational services within the context
36 of the behavioral and mental health needs of the children and
adolescents;'

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SUMMARY

42 This amendment adds 6 members to the Task Force to Study the
Needs of Deaf and Hard-of-hearing Children and Adolescents. It
clarifies the duties of the task force regarding mental health
44 services and educational services.

LEGAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

**121st Maine Legislature
Office of Fiscal and Program Review**



LD 553

Resolve, To Study the Needs of Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Children and Adolescents

LR 0987(02)

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" 182

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Current Costs - Legislative Study

Legislative Study

The projected costs to fund the general operating expenses of this study, including interpreter services, are \$11,060 in fiscal year 2003-04. The Legislature has budgeted \$30,000 in fiscal year 2003-04 for legislative studies. Whether that amount is sufficient to fund all studies will depend on the number of studies authorized by the Legislative Council and the Legislature. Any additional costs to the Departments of Education, Human Services, Labor, Behavioral and Developmental Services and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf associated with serving on the Commission can be absorbed by each department utilizing existing budgeted resources.