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H.P. 719

House of Representatives, February 25, 2003

**An Act to Consolidate the Advocacies of the Various State Agencies
into an Executive Department and Establish the Office of Inspector
General**

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative BUNKER of Kossuth Township.
Cosponsored by President DAGGETT of Kennebec and
Representatives: Speaker COLWELL of Gardiner, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, JOY of
Crystal, RICHARDSON of Brunswick, Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, WOODCOCK of
Franklin.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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**CONCEPT DRAFT
SUMMARY**

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This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

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The purpose of this bill is to consolidate the advocacies of the various state agencies into an executive department. The executive department would assume any public advocacy responsibilities currently assigned to other agencies of State Government. The bill also would establish the Office of Inspector General to investigate governmental abuse of funds, written policy and procedures and violation of the law within the various state departments. The executive advocacy department would oversee the operations and personnel of the Office of the Inspector General.