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**Resolve, To Establish the Study Committee to Study the Feasibility
of a 4-year High School Vocational Program**

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft.
Cosponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Penobscot and
Representatives: CUMMINGS of Portland, JENNINGS of Leeds, JOY of Crystal, MURPHY
of Kennebunk, PINEAU of Jay, RICHARDSON of Greenville, TOBIN of Dexter, Senator:
DAVIS of Piscataquis.

2 **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** Acts and resolves of the
Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after
adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

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6 **Whereas,** this resolve creates the Commission to Study the
Feasibility of a 4-year High School Vocational Program; and

8 **Whereas,** the study must be initiated before the 90-day
period expires in order that the study may be completed and a
report submitted in time for submission to the next legislative
session; and

12 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
14 create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
16 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
safety; now, therefore, be it

18 **Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That the Study
20 Commission to Study the Feasibility of a 4-year High School
Vocational Program, referred to in this resolve as "the
22 commission," is established; and be it further

24 **Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That the commission
consists of 10 members appointed as follows:

26 1. Three members appointed by the President of the Senate
28 as follows:

30 A. One member of the Senate who is a member of the Joint
Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs;

32 B. One member who is a current vocational technical high
34 school administrator; and

36 C. One member who is on the State Board of Education;

38 2. Three members appointed by the Speaker of the House as
follows:

40 A. One member of the House of Representatives who is a
42 member of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and
Cultural Affairs;

44 B. One member who is a current vocational technical high
46 school administrator; and

48 C. One member who is on the State Board of Education; and

- 2 3. Four members appointed by the Governor as follows:
- 4 A. One member who attends a vocational college;
- 6 B. One member who is on a local board of education in a
Maine community;
- 8 C. One member who is an officer of the Maine Education
10 Association; and
- 12 D. One member who is a member of a trade union; and be it
further

14 **Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the Senate member is the
16 Senate chair of the commission and the House of Representatives
member is the House chair of the commission; and be it further

18 **Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of commission. Resolved:** That
20 all appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the
effective date of this resolve. The appointing authorities shall
22 notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council once all
appointments have been completed. Within 15 days after
24 appointment of all members, the chairs shall call and convene the
first meeting of the commission; and be it further

26 **Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall examine
28 the feasibility of establishing a 4-year high school vocational
program to provide a technical high school setting for middle
30 school students to attend at the completion of the 8th grade; and
be it further

32 **Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That, upon approval of the
34 Legislative Council, the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis
shall provide necessary staffing services to the commission; and
36 be it further

38 **Sec. 7. Compensation. Resolved:** That the legislative members
of the commission are entitled to the legislative per diem, as
40 defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2, and
reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses related to
42 their attendance at authorized meetings of the commission.
Public members not otherwise compensated by their employers or
44 other entities that they represent are entitled to receive
reimbursement of necessary expenses and, upon a demonstration of
46 financial hardship, a per diem equal to the legislative per diem
for their attendance at authorized meetings of the commission;
48 and be it further

