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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

9 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 765, L.D. 1984, "Resolve, Authorizing
10 the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services To Sell or Lease for
11 Veterans' Housing the Interests of the State in Hedin Hall at the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric
12 Center"

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

14 **'Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial**
15 **Services To Sell or Lease for Veterans' Housing the Interests of the State in**
16 **Hedin Hall at the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center and To Establish a Task**
17 **Force To Examine Using Stevens School in Hallowell for Veterans' Housing'**

18 Further amend the resolve by inserting after section 7 the following:

19 **'Sec. 8. Department of Administrative and Financial Services to establish**
20 **a task force. Resolved:** That the Department of Administrative and Financial
21 Services, Bureau of General Services shall establish a task force to examine the use of
22 excess state property at its Stevens School campus in Hallowell for veterans' housing.
23 The task force shall review the following issues relating to veterans' housing:

24 1. Whether the City of Hallowell supports such a use;

25 2. Whether the state agencies on the campus can be relocated to other state-owned or
26 state-leased facilities at costs and at locations that serve the agencies' operational needs
27 and missions and are in the best interests of the State;

28 3. Whether statewide veterans' groups have the necessary resources to renovate
29 existing buildings, some of which comprise a historic district;

30 4. Whether the historic features of buildings in the historic district can be preserved
31 in connection with adaptive reuse as veterans' housing;

32 5. Whether the buildings are suitable for adaptive reuse;

33 6. Whether new construction sites are available within the boundaries of the Stevens
34 School campus that would be suitable for veterans' housing or support facilities; and

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1 7. Whether transportation systems are in place or could be in place for use by
2 veterans residing at the Stevens School campus; and be it further

3 **Sec. 9. Membership; report. Resolved:** That the Department of
4 Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services shall seek to include
5 on the task force under section 8 the following members: the Mayor of Hallowell; one
6 representative of the City Council of Hallowell; one representative of the Department of
7 Administrative and Financial Services; one representative of the Bureau of General
8 Services; 2 representatives of statewide veterans' groups; one representative of the
9 Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Bureau of Veterans'
10 Services; the legislative delegation representing the district that includes the City of
11 Hallowell; one representative of the Office of the Governor; the Director of the Maine
12 Historic Preservation Commission; and one representative of a local historic preservation
13 group. The task force shall submit a report detailing its findings to the joint standing
14 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters
15 by December 29, 2006; and be it further'

16 Further amend the resolve by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part
17 letter or section number to read consecutively.

18 **SUMMARY**

19 This amendment directs the Department of Administrative and Financial Services,
20 Bureau of General Services to establish a task force to examine using excess state
21 property at the Stevens School campus in Hallowell for veterans' housing. The task force
22 is required to report its findings to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having
23 jurisdiction over state and local government matters by December 29, 2006.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See Attached)



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

Committee: State and Local Government

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Current Costs - Legislative Study

Undetermined current biennium revenue increase - General Fund

Legislative Study

The projected costs to fund the per diem and expenses of two members of the City of Hallowell's legislative delegation who will be participants on the Task Force To Examine Using Stevens School in Hallowell for Veterans' Housing are \$840 in fiscal year 2006-07. The Legislature's budget includes \$20,000 in fiscal year 2006-07 for legislative studies. Whether the amount is sufficient to fund all studies will depend on the number of studies authorized by the Legislative Council and the Legislature.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The exact financial impact of this legislation including any increase in revenue from any proposed leases, conveyances or negotiated sales agreements can not be determined at this time. Included in this legislation is a requirement for the appraised value of the state property to be determined by an independent appraiser. The additional costs associated with providing staff assistance to the Task Force To Examine Using Stevens School in Hallowell for Veterans' Housing can be absorbed by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services utilizing existing budgeted resources.