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Resolve, Establishing a Study Commission on In Utero Narcotic Drug Exposure

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator McCORMICK of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative FLOOD of Winthrop and
Senators: DIAMOND of Cumberland, MARRACHÉ of Kennebec, MILLS of Somerset.

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

3 **Whereas,** the Study Commission on In Utero Narcotic Drug Exposure is created in
4 this resolve and must issue its findings and report by December 2, 2009; and

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

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

12 **Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That the Study Commission on In
13 Utero Narcotic Drug Exposure, referred to in this resolve as "the commission," is
14 established; and be it further

15 **Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That the commission consists of
16 13 members appointed as follows:

17 1. Seven members appointed by the President of the Senate as follows:

18 A. Four members of the Senate. When appointing members, the President shall give
19 preference to Senators who are or were members of the Joint Standing Committee on
20 Health and Human Services;

21 B. The head of pediatrics from a hospital representing the eastern part of the State;

22 C. One member who is a pediatrician; and

23 D. One member who is a physician and is involved with a program that meets the
24 medical and psychological needs of children in foster care;

25 2. Five members appointed by the Speaker of the House as follows:

26 A. Three members of the House of Representatives. When appointing the members,
27 the Speaker shall give preference to members of the House of Representatives who
28 are or were members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human
29 Services;

30 B. One member who is a physician with a family practice who has experience
31 working with young women with substance abuse problems; and

32 C. One member from an organization that provides disability risk assessment
33 services; and

34 3. One member from the child protection services division within the Department of
35 Health and Human Services, appointed by the Governor; and be it further

