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Resolve, To Establish a Stakeholder Group To Review the Maine State Grant Program

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

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Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator ALFOND of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative NELSON of Falmouth and
Senators: BARTLETT of Cumberland, KATZ of Kennebec, Representatives: LUCHINI of
Ellsworth, MAKER of Calais, McFADDEN of Dennysville, ROTUNDO of Lewiston,
STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland, WEBSTER of Freeport.

1 **Sec. 1. Stakeholder group to review Maine State Grant Program.**

2 **Resolved:** That the Finance Authority of Maine, referred to in this resolve as "the
3 authority," shall establish a stakeholder group, through a partnership with other
4 appropriate entities, to work together to review the Maine State Grant Program,
5 established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 11612 and referred to in
6 this resolve as "the program"; and be it further

7 **Sec. 2. Participants. Resolved:** That the authority shall invite the following to
8 participate in the stakeholder group:

- 9 1. The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's designee;
- 10 2. The Chancellor of the University of Maine System or the chancellor's designee;
- 11 3. The President of the Maine Community College System or the president's
12 designee;
- 13 4. A representative of Maine's private higher education institutions;
- 14 5. A Maine college or university student;
- 15 6. A representative of the Maine Compact for Higher Education;
- 16 7. A representative of the Maine Association of Student Financial Aid
17 Administrators;
- 18 8. A representative of the Senator George J. Mitchell Scholarship Research Institute;
- 19 9. A Legislator serving on the joint standing committee of the Legislature having
20 jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs during the 125th Legislature; and
- 21 10. Other interested parties at the discretion of the authority; and be it further

22 **Sec. 3. Duties. Resolved:** That the review must include, but is not limited to, the
23 following:

- 24 1. A review of the history and efficacy of the program and any necessary changes;
- 25 2. Ideas to enhance the program in light of current and future higher education trends
26 and needs;
- 27 3. Options to increase funding for the program in the face of increased higher
28 education costs and declining state funding; and
- 29 4. Current and future grant and financial aid needs of Maine students and families;
30 and be it further

31 **Sec. 4. Report. Resolved:** That, by December 1, 2011, the authority shall submit
32 a written report of the findings of the review under this resolve and any recommendations

1 resulting from the review to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having
2 jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs.

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SUMMARY

4 This resolve authorizes the Finance Authority of Maine to coordinate a review of the
5 Maine State Grant Program that includes the participation of a stakeholder group of
6 higher education policy makers, agencies, institutions, students and financial aid
7 administrators in the State and report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature
8 having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs by December 1, 2011.