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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

126TH LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 668, L.D. 1703, Bill, "An Act To Increase College Affordability and the Rate of Degree Completion"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, To Establish the Task Force To Increase College Affordability and the Rate of Degree Completion'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. Task force established. Resolved: That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the Task Force To Increase College Affordability and the Rate of Degree Completion, referred to in this resolve as "the task force," is established; and be it further

Sec. 2. Task force membership. Resolved: That the task force consists of 16 members appointed as follows:

1. Three members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, including members from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;
2. Four members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, including members from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;
3. The President of the Maine Community College System or the president's designee;
4. The Chancellor of the University of Maine System or the chancellor's designee;
5. The President of the Maine Maritime Academy or the president's designee;
6. Three members chosen by the President of the Senate from nominees supplied by the Maine Independent Colleges Association;
7. Two members from organizations with experience administering student loans, one appointed by the President of the Senate and one by the Speaker of the House; and
8. The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's designee; and be it further

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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LD 1703

LR 2246(02)

An Act To Increase College Affordability and the Rate of Degree Completion

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment 'A' (S-489)

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Legislative Cost/Study

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The general operating expenses of this task force are projected to be \$4,875 in fiscal year 2014-15. The Legislature's proposed budget includes \$10,000 in fiscal year 2014-15 for legislative studies. Whether that amount is sufficient to fund all studies will depend on the number of studies authorized by the Legislative Council and the Legislature. The additional costs of providing staffing assistance to the study during the interim can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted staff resources.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The additional costs associated with serving on the task force can be absorbed by the public higher education institutions and the Department of Education within the existing budgeted resources.