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L.D. 1762

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
126TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "D" to H.P. 1264, L.D. 1762, Bill, "An Act Related to the Report of the Tax Expenditure Review Task Force"

Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause the following:

'PART A'

Amend the bill by adding after section 5 the following:

'PART B'

Sec. B-1. Task force established. The Municipal Revenue Stabilization Task Force, referred to in this Part as "the task force," is established.

Sec. B-2. Task force membership. The task force consists of 9 members appointed as follows:

1. Two members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, one of whom is a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation and one of whom is a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs;

2. Three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, 2 of whom are members of the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation and one of whom is a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs;

3. Three members who serve as municipal administrators, 2 of whom are appointed by the President of the Senate and one of whom is appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The appointing authorities shall select members to ensure representation among members of administrators of small, medium-sized and large municipalities in the State; and

4. One representative of the Maine Municipal Association appointed by the Governor.

Sec. B-3. Chairs. The first-named Senate member is the Senate chair and the first-named House of Representatives member is the House chair of the task force.

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Sec. B-4. Appointments; convening of task force. All appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this Part. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council once all appointments have been completed. After appointment of all members, the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the task force. If 30 days or more after the effective date of this Part a majority of but not all appointments have been made, the chairs may request authority and the Legislative Council may grant authority for the task force to meet and conduct its business.

Sec. B-5. Duties. The task force shall conduct an in-depth review of the current method of financing municipal services set forth in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 5681 and shall develop recommendations to amend the method of municipal funding to establish a more sustainable and stable method of municipal funding that permits municipalities to engage in long-range planning and encourages economic development that will benefit the citizens of the State. As part of its review, the task force shall give specific consideration to the time frame during which a municipality in the State must craft its fiscal year budget and shall consider proposals to revise the method of municipal funding, including but not limited to proposals to:

- 1. Build into the method of municipal funding incentives for municipalities to promote economic development and create economic opportunity; and
- 2. Shift to other units of government or eliminate certain municipal requirements and services.

Sec. B-6. Staff assistance. The Legislative Council shall provide necessary staffing services to the task force.

Sec. B-7. Report. No later than December 3, 2014, the task force shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs. After receipt and review of the report, the joint standing committee may submit to the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature a bill concerning the subject of the report.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment amends the bill to establish the Municipal Revenue Stabilization Task Force, which is directed to conduct an in-depth review of the current method of state-municipal revenue sharing and to develop recommendations to establish a more sustainable and stable method of municipal funding that permits municipalities to engage in long-range planning and encourages economic development that will benefit the citizens of the State. As part of its review, the task force is directed to give specific consideration to the time frame during which municipalities must craft their fiscal year budgets and to consider, among others, proposals to build into the method of municipal funding incentives for municipalities to promote economic development and create economic opportunity and to shift to other units of government or eliminate certain

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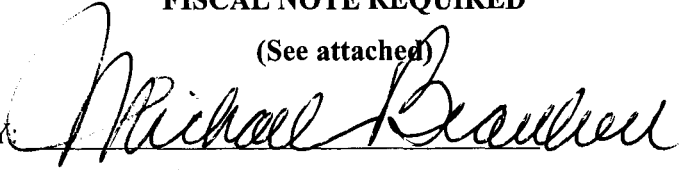
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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

SPONSORED BY:



(Representative BEAULIEU)

TOWN: Auburn



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1762

LR 2721(08)

An Act Related to the Report of the Tax Expenditure Review Task Force

Fiscal Note for House Amendment *D* to Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Beaulieu of Auburn

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Legislative Cost/Study

Legislative Cost/Study

This amendment adds a task force to the bill. The general operating expenses of this task force are projected to be \$2,750 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.