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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
126TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ A ” to S.P. 729, L.D. 1819, “Resolve, To Create the Task Force To End Student Hunger in Maine”

Amend the resolve by striking out all of the preamble (page 1, lines 1 to 11 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

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

Whereas, Maine has a moral obligation to care for its most vulnerable citizens; and

Whereas, Maine ranks first in New England in food insecurity; and

Whereas, in past years, Maine has underutilized up to \$30,000,000 of federal funding that could have been used to provide meals to hungry students; and

Whereas, food insecurity has proven to have a negative impact on student health and learning; and

Whereas, the United States Department of Agriculture recently announced a nationwide expansion of its program known as the Community Eligibility Provision, which increases access to breakfast and lunch for all students in low-income areas; and

Whereas, the Task Force To End Student Hunger in Maine must be initiated before the 90-day period expires so that the study may be completed and a report submitted in time for submission to the next legislative session; and

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

Amend the resolve in section 8 in the last line (page 2 line 31 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "." and inserting the following: "; and be it further'

Amend the resolve by inserting after section 8 the following:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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'Sec. 9. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

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Study Commissions - Funding 0444

Initiative: Allocates funds to authorize the expenditure of outside contributions for the costs of the Task Force To End Student Hunger in Maine.

7	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2013-14	2014-15
8	Personal Services	\$770	\$770
9	All Other	\$1,230	\$1,230
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11	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$2,000</u>	<u>\$2,000</u>

12 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this
13 legislation takes effect when approved.'

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This amendment strikes the preamble and adds an emergency preamble and
16 emergency clause. It also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

17 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

18 **(See attached)**



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LD 1819

LR 2670(02)

Resolve, To Create the Task Force To End Student Hunger in Maine

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-454)
 Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs
 Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Legislative Cost/Study

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$0

Legislative Cost/Study

The general operating expenses of this task force are projected to be \$4,000, \$2,000 each year in fiscal year 2013-14 and fiscal year 2014-15. The task force may not incur expenses unless sufficient funding from outside contributions are received and approved. An allocation from Other Special Revenue Funds is included to authorize the task force spending funded by these contributions. 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

Additional costs to the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services associated with serving on the task force can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.