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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

128TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 173, L.D. 512, Bill, "An Act To Prohibit a Person under 18 Years of Age from Being Charged with the Crime of Engaging in Prostitution"

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

'Resolve, To Establish the Committee To Study the State's Response to the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Youth'

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

'Sec. 1. Committee To Study the State's Response to the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Youth established. Resolved: That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the Committee To Study the State's Response to the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Youth, referred to in this resolve as "the committee," is established; and be it further

Sec. 2. Committee membership. Resolved: That the committee consists of 13 members as follows:

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

- A. Two members of the Senate, including one member from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Senate;
- B. One member who is a representative of a sex trafficking survivor leadership organization;
- C. One member who is a representative of the Department of Corrections; and
- D. One member who is a representative of a mental health provider;

2. Six members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives as follows:

- A. Two members of the House, including one member from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the House;

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1 B. One member who is a representative of a statewide coalition of organizations
2 working to end sexual assault;

3 C. One member who is a representative of a statewide coalition of organizations
4 working to end domestic violence;

5 D. One member who is a representative of youth homelessness services; and

6 E. One member who is a representative of a statewide organization of district
7 attorneys;

8 3. The Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee; and

9 4. The director of the office of children and family services within the Department of
10 Health and Human Services or the director's designee; and be it further

11 **Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the first-named Senate member is the Senate chair
12 and the first-named House of Representatives member is the House chair of the
13 committee; and be it further

14 **Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of committee. Resolved:** That all
15 appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this
16 resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative
17 Council once all appointments have been completed. After appointment of all members,
18 the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the committee. If 30 days or more
19 after the effective date of this resolve a majority of but not all appointments have been
20 made, the chairs may request authority and the Legislative Council may grant authority
21 for the committee to meet and conduct its business; and be it further

22 **Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the committee shall study issues related to the
23 commercial sexual exploitation of youth in the State as follows:

24 1. The existing policies, systems and resources related to preventing and responding
25 to the commercial sexual exploitation of youth in the State, including but not limited to
26 those related to the Department of Health and Human Services, juvenile justice, law
27 enforcement and social services; and

28 2. The gaps and needs in existing policies, systems and resources related to
29 preventing and responding to the commercial sexual exploitation of youth in the State.

30 The committee shall make recommendations related to improvement of the existing
31 policies, systems and resources; and be it further

32 **Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the Legislative Council shall provide
33 necessary staffing services to the committee; and be it further

34 **Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than December 6, 2017, the committee
35 shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested
36 legislation, for presentation to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and
37 Public Safety and to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services for
38 consideration during the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature; and be it
39 further



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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-131)
Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Legislative Cost/Study

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The general operating expenses of this study are projected to be \$2,250 in fiscal year 2017-18. The Legislature's proposed budget includes \$10,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 for legislative studies. Whether this 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 to the Department of Corrections, the Department of the Attorney General and the Department of Health and Human Services can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted resources.