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**Resolve, To Create the Task Force To Study School Board Member
Training**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative CHAPMAN of Brooksville.
Cosponsored by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland and
Representatives: HANINGTON of Lincoln, HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft, HUBBELL of Bar
Harbor, KUMIEGA of Deer Isle, McELWEE of Caribou, Senators: MIRAMANT of Knox,
SAVIELLO of Franklin.

1 **Sec. 1. Task force established. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding Joint Rule
2 353, the Task Force To Study School Board Member Training, referred to in this resolve
3 as "the task force," is established; and be it further

4 **Sec. 2. Task force membership. Resolved:** That the task force consists of the
5 following 9 members:

- 6 1. One member of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate;
- 7 2. One member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the
8 House of Representatives;
- 9 3. One member who is a superintendent of a school administrative unit that contains
10 a large school, appointed by the President of the Senate;
- 11 4. One member who is a superintendent of a school administrative unit that contains
12 a small school, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- 13 5. One member who is a member of a school board of a large school, appointed by
14 the President of the Senate;
- 15 6. One member who is a member of a school board of a small school, appointed by
16 the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- 17 7. One member who is a member of an urban school board, appointed by the
18 President of the Senate;
- 19 8. One member who is a member of a rural school board, appointed by the Speaker
20 of the House of Representatives; and
- 21 9. One member who is a representative of the Maine Education Association.

22 Prior to making appointments to the task force pursuant to subsections 5, 6, 7 and 8,
23 the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall seek
24 nominations from the Maine School Boards Association and the Maine School
25 Superintendents Association; and be it further

26 **Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the Senate member is the Senate chair and the
27 House of Representatives member is the House chair of the task force; and be it further

28 **Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of task force. Resolved:** That all
29 appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this
30 resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative
31 Council once all appointments have been completed. After appointment of all members,
32 the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the task force. If 30 days or more
33 after the effective date of this resolve a majority of but not all appointments have been
34 made, the chairs may request authority and the Legislative Council may grant authority
35 for the task force to meet and conduct its business; and be it further

1 **Sec. 5. Authorized meetings. Resolved:** That the task force may hold no more
2 than 6 meetings; and be it further

3 **Sec. 6. Duties. Resolved:** That the task force shall consider options for training
4 school board members in the skills necessary for success as a school board member. The
5 consideration must include, but is not limited to, a review, assessment and evaluation of:

- 6 1. Existing school board member training programs in the State;
- 7 2. School board member training programs in other states;
- 8 3. Funding systems for and the logistics of providing school board member training,
9 including a consideration of various funding models such as an assessment of fees or the
10 collection of membership dues; and
- 11 4. Curriculum options for school board member training; and be it further

12 **Sec. 7. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the Legislative Council shall provide
13 necessary staffing services to the task force; and be it further

14 **Sec. 8. Report. Resolved:** That the task force shall submit a report with its
15 recommendations, together with any necessary implementing legislation, to the Joint
16 Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs no later than December 6, 2017.
17 The Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs may submit a bill to the
18 Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature.

19 **SUMMARY**

20 This resolve creates the Task Force To Study School Board Member Training. The
21 task force is required to submit its report with its recommendations and any
22 accompanying legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural
23 Affairs by December 6, 2017.