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House of Representatives, February 25, 2020

**Resolve, To Establish the Task Force To Study the Coordination of
Services and Expansion of Educational Programs for Young Adults
with Disabilities**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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 PEBWORTH of Blue Hill.
Cosponsored by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock and
Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, FARNSWORTH of Portland, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth,
RISEMAN of Harrison.

1 **Sec. 1. Task force established. Resolved:** That the Task Force To Study the
2 Coordination of Services and Expansion of Educational Programs for Young Adults with
3 Disabilities, referred to in this resolve as "the task force," is established to develop
4 recommendations to enhance the coordination of programs for young adults with
5 disabilities and to recommend targeted reforms to ensure the most efficient and effective
6 provision of services for young adults with disabilities.

7 **Sec. 2. Membership. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the task
8 force consists of 16 members as follows:

9 1. One member who serves on the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing
10 appointed by the President of the Senate;

11 2. One member who serves on the Joint Standing Committee on Education and
12 Cultural Affairs appointed by the Speaker of the House;

13 3. One member who serves on the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human
14 Services appointed by the Speaker of the House;

15 4. The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's designee;

16 5. The Commissioner of Health and Human Services or the commissioner's designee;

17 6. The Commissioner of Labor or the commissioner's designee; and

18 7. Ten members appointed by the Commissioner of Education, in consultation with
19 the Commissioner of Health and Human Services and the Commissioner of Labor, as
20 follows:

21 A. One member who represents an advocacy organization for young adults with
22 disabilities;

23 B. One member who represents a statewide organization of parents of young adults
24 with disabilities;

25 C. One member who represents a statewide association for adult education;

26 D. One member who represents a statewide association for career and technical
27 education;

28 E. One member who represents the University of Maine System;

29 F. One member who represents the Maine Community College System;

30 G. One member who represents a statewide association of administrators of services
31 for children with disabilities;

32 H. One member who represents community-based providers of services for young
33 adults with disabilities;

34 I. One member who is the parent or guardian of a young adult with a disability; and

35 J. One member who is a young adult with a disability who is receiving services from
36 the State.

1 **Sec. 3. Chair; meetings. Resolved:** That the Commissioner of Education shall
2 appoint a chair of the task force and convene the initial meeting of the task force no later
3 than 30 days following the effective date of this resolve. The task force shall hold a
4 minimum of 4 meetings.

5 **Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved:** That the task force shall study the barriers to efficient
6 and effective services for young adults with disabilities after high school and make
7 recommendations on targeted reforms to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of
8 these services, including but not limited to:

- 9 1. The coordination of services provided by different agencies; and
- 10 2. The benefits, assessments, expansion and availability of continuing educational
11 opportunities for young adults with disabilities after high school.

12 **Sec. 5. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the Department of Education shall
13 provide the task force with staff assistance from existing resources.

14 **Sec. 6. Outside funding. Resolved:** That the task force may seek outside
15 funding to support the work of the task force.

16 **Sec. 7. Final report. Resolved:** That, no later than November 15, 2020, the task
17 force shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations for
18 presentation to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, the Joint
19 Standing Committee on Health and Human Services and the Joint Standing Committee on
20 Labor and Housing.

21 **Sec. 8. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following
22 appropriations and allocations are made.

23 **EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

24 **Leadership Team Z077**

25 Initiative: Provides one-time funds for the costs associated with providing mileage
26 reimbursement to task force members and for preparation of the final report.

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| 27 | GENERAL FUND | 2019-20 | 2020-21 |
| 28 | All Other | \$0 | \$3,112 |
| 29 | | | |
| 30 | GENERAL FUND TOTAL | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$3,112</u> |

31 **Task Force To Enhance Continuing Education Programs for Young Adults with**
32 **Disabilities N309**

33 Initiative: Provides a base allocation for funding received to support the work of the Task
34 Force To Study the Coordination of Services and Expansion of Educational Programs for
35 Young Adults with Disabilities.

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| 1 | OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS | 2019-20 | 2020-21 |
| 2 | All Other | \$0 | \$500 |
| 3 | | | |
| 4 | OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL | \$0 | \$500 |

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| 5 | EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF | | |
| 6 | DEPARTMENT TOTALS | 2019-20 | 2020-21 |
| 7 | | | |
| 8 | GENERAL FUND | \$0 | \$3,112 |
| 9 | OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS | \$0 | \$500 |
| 10 | | | |
| 11 | DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS | \$0 | \$3,612 |

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This resolve establishes the Task Force To Study the Coordination of Services and
 14 Expansion of Educational Programs for Young Adults with Disabilities. The membership
 15 of the task force consists of Legislators who serve on the joint standing committees of the
 16 Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs, health and human
 17 services matters and labor and housing matters, the Commissioner of Education, the
 18 Commissioner of Health and Human Services and the Commissioner of Labor, members
 19 of organizations or associations knowledgeable about services for young adults with
 20 disabilities after high school, a parent or guardian of a young adult with a disability and a
 21 a young adult with a disability who is receiving services from the State. The
 22 Commissioner of Education convenes the task force, which must hold a minimum of 4
 23 meetings and submit a report to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having
 24 jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs, health and human services matters and
 25 labor and housing matters on recommendations and targeted reforms to improve the
 26 efficiency and effectiveness of services provided by different agencies and continuing
 27 educational opportunities for young adults with disabilities after high school.