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In Senate, March 23, 2023

**Resolve, to Reestablish the Task Force to Study the Creation of a  
Comprehensive Career and Technical Education System**

(EMERGENCY)

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

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

3           **Whereas,** the Task Force to Study the Creation of a Comprehensive Career and  
4 Technical Education System is reestablished pursuant to this legislation to study the  
5 feasibility of establishing a comprehensive 4-year high school career and technical  
6 education program to provide a technical high school setting for students; and

7           **Whereas,** the study must be initiated before the 90-day period expires in order that  
8 the study may be completed and a report submitted in time for submission to the next  
9 legislative session; and

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

14          **Sec. 1. Task force established. Resolved:** That the Task Force to Study the  
15 Creation of a Comprehensive Career and Technical Education System, referred to in this  
16 resolve as "the task force," is established.

17          **Sec. 2. Task force membership. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding Joint Rule  
18 353, the task force consists of 20 members as follows:

- 19           1. Six members appointed by the President of the Senate as follows:
  - 20           A. Two members of the Senate, including one member from each of the 2 parties  
21 holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature, one of whom is a member of the  
22 Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs;
  - 23           B. One member who is a current career and technical education high school  
24 administrator;
  - 25           C. One member who is on the State Board of Education;
  - 26           D. One member who is a member of a skilled trades union or representative of a skilled  
27 trades business or industry; and
  - 28           E. One member who is a principal of a secondary school;
- 29           2. Six members appointed by the Speaker of the House as follows:
  - 30           A. Two members of the House of Representatives, including one member from each  
31 of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature, one of whom is  
32 a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs;
  - 33           B. One member who is a current career and technical education high school  
34 administrator;
  - 35           C. One member who is on the State Board of Education;
  - 36           D. One member who is a member of a skilled trades union or representative of a skilled  
37 trades business or industry; and
  - 38           E. One member who is a superintendent of a school administrative unit;
- 39           3. Seven members appointed by the Governor as follows:
  - 40           A. One member who is an administrator at a community college;

- 1 B. One member who is on a local board of education in a Maine community;
- 2 C. One member who is an officer of the Maine Education Association;
- 3 D. Three members who are members of a skilled trades union or representatives of a
- 4 skilled trades business or industry; and
- 5 E. One member who is an administrator at the University of Maine System; and
- 6 4. The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's designee.

7 **Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the first-named Senate member is the Senate chair  
8 and the first-named House of Representatives member is the House chair of the task force.

9 **Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of task force. Resolved:** That,  
10 notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the appointing authorities shall notify the Executive  
11 Director of the Legislative Council once all appointments have been completed. After  
12 appointment of all members, the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the task  
13 force.

14 **Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the task force shall:

15 1. Examine the feasibility of establishing a comprehensive 4-year high school career  
16 and technical education program to provide a technical high school setting for middle  
17 school students to attend at the completion of the 8th grade, including but not limited to the  
18 advantages and disadvantages of a comprehensive 4-year high school career and technical  
19 education model, obstacles to implementation of a comprehensive 4-year high school  
20 career and technical education model and other models for comprehensive 4-year high  
21 school career and technical education that exist around the State and on a national level;  
22 and

23 2. Examine increasing crosswalks and intersections between technical and  
24 occupational knowledge and curricula and academic standards in order to promote multiple  
25 pathways for awarding content area credit to students enrolled in career and technical  
26 education programs, including but not limited to building on prior and current work among  
27 the Department of Education, superintendents of school administrative units and career and  
28 technical education administrators.

29 **Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the Legislative Council shall provide  
30 necessary staffing services to the task force, except that Legislative Council staff support  
31 is not authorized when the Legislature is in regular or special session.

32 **Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than December 6, 2023, the task force  
33 shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested  
34 legislation, for presentation to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

35 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation  
36 takes effect when approved.

37 **SUMMARY**

38 This resolve reestablishes the Task Force to Study the Creation of a Comprehensive  
39 Career and Technical Education System.