

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE
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RESOLVES
OF THE
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Provides funds for the per diem, travel and related expenses of the Commission on Maine Lakes. These funds may not lapse and must be carried forward to June 30, 1991.

LEGISLATURE		
TOTAL	\$1,405	\$7,925

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.

Effective April 24, 1990.

CHAPTER 101

H.P. 1637 - L.D. 2270

Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Assess the Impact of Increased State Spending on the University of Maine System

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

Whereas, following the blue ribbon commission report on the University of Maine System in 1986, the Legislature appropriated a supplemental \$15,000,000 "down payment" to the system to address areas of deficiency; and

Whereas, over the intervening years, the Legislature and the public have continued to support extraordinary appropriations and bond issue authorizations for programs and projects of the University of Maine System; and

Whereas, this increased level of financial support indicates the importance the people of the State place on the University of Maine System as an academic, economic development, public service, and cultural resource of the State; and

Whereas, there is need for immediate assessment of the impact of recent spending patterns of the University of Maine System in light of continued increased requests on behalf of the system in order to evaluate the effectiveness of that spending and to prioritize needs for future spending; 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

Sec. 1. Commission created and charged. Resolved: That there is created the Commission to Assess the Impact of Increased State Spending on the University of Maine System. The commission shall gather and analyze information concerning the rate of increase of state appropriations to the University of Maine System since 1986 and assess the impact of that increase on the following aspects of the system:

1. Construction of educational facilities;
2. Acquisition of equipment, supplies and services;
3. Impact on the quality, size, turnover and morale of the faculty, including changes in class sizes and student to faculty ratios;
4. Investments to improve the quality of student life;
5. Range of academic offerings;
6. Comparison of increases in administrative costs relative to increases in program and operating costs;
7. Distribution of funds among the campuses; and
8. Other issues determined relevant by the commission; and be it further

Sec. 2. Appointment. Resolved: That the commission consists of 8 voting members and one nonvoting ex officio member appointed in the following manner:

1. Three legislative members to be appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
2. Two students from different campuses of the University of Maine System to be appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
3. Two faculty members from different campuses of the University of Maine System to be appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
4. One member representing the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System appointed by the trustees; and
5. One nonvoting ex officio representative from the Office of the Chancellor of the University of Maine System to be appointed by the chancellor; and be it further

Sec. 3. Convening of commission. Resolved: That when the appointment of all commission members

is completed, the Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall convene the first meeting within 30 days of the final appointment. At the first meeting, the commission shall elect a chair from among its members. To the extent possible, all meetings must be held in Orono; and be it further

Sec. 4. Report. Resolved: That the commission shall present its findings, together with any recommended legislation, to the First Regular Session of the 115th Legislature and the Office of the Chancellor by December 1, 1990; and be it further

Sec. 5. Compensation. Resolved: That all members of the commission, with the exception of the ex officio members, are entitled to reimbursement for expenses upon application to the Executive Director of the Legislative Council; and be it further

Sec. 6. Funding. Resolved: That funding for this study must be made available from the existing budgeted resources of the University of Maine System.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.

Effective April 24, 1990.

CHAPTER 102

S.P. 962 - L.D. 2429

Resolve, to Direct the Department of Human Services to Develop a Proposal to Adequately Address the Housing Needs of Aid to Families with Dependent Children Recipients

Preamble. Whereas, the Commission to Evaluate the Adequacy of the Aid to Families with Dependent Children Need and Payment Standards finds that the rising cost of housing, the inadequacy of the aid to families with dependent children granted to meet these costs and the existing fragmented approach of low-income housing assistance that does not adequately address the housing problem are barriers to adequate housing; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Department duties. Resolved: That the Department of Human Services shall:

1. Review the findings of the Commission to Evaluate the Adequacy of the Aid to Families with Dependent Children Need and Payment Standards;

2. Investigate the extent to which federal matching funds may be maximized to meet the housing needs of aid

to families with dependent children recipients, including money expended in general assistance, emergency assistance, the Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program and the Maine Residents Property Tax Program; and

3. Develop a proposal to adequately meet the housing needs of recipients of aid to families with dependent children and to maximize federal matching funds and report those recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over human resource matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs in the First Regular Session of the 115th Legislature; and be it further

Sec. 2. Appropriation. Resolved: That the following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

	1990-91
HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF	
Administration - Income Maintenance	
Personal Services	\$16,000
All Other	13,000
TOTAL	\$29,000

Provides funds for a project position, computer programming and printing costs associated with the directive to address the housing needs of aid to families with dependent children recipients.

Medical Care - Payments to Providers

All Other	(\$29,000)
Deappropriates excess funds from the Maine Managed Care Insurance Plan Demonstration project.	

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES	
TOTAL	\$ -0-

; and be it further

Sec. 3. Allocation. Resolved: That the following funds are allocated from the Federal Expenditure Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.