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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

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RESOLVES
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1991

2000 - Interest		
Contractual Services	30,000	
2005 - Extension Service		
Contractual Services	43,464	
2025 - Employee Benefits		
Contractual Services:		
Health Insurance	241,963	
Unemployment Benefits	10,500	
Maine State Retirement System	50,000	
Social Security	95,600	
2035 - Soil Conservation		
Contractual Services	13,300	
2040 - Copy Machine		
Contractual Services	3,455	
Commodities	500	
2041 - Microfilm		
Personal Services	7,788	
Contractual Services	1,875	
Commodities	350	
2045 - Program Grants		
Contractual Services:		
Bureau of Human Relations	2,000	
Central Maine Area Agency on Aging	5,000	
Youth and Family Services	13,000	
Sebastiancook Farms	5,000	
Ken-A-Set Association for the Retarded	4,250	
Crisis & Counseling Centers	2,000	
2055 - Ambulance		
Contractual Services	300	
2075 - Capital Reserve		
Capital Expenditures:		
Building	1,000	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	<u>\$2,646,318</u>	

; and be it further

Sec. 3. Summary. Resolved: That the figures appearing in this resolve represent the total amount of taxes and the total specific expenditures authorized for the calendar year 1992. The following is a summary of revenues and appropriations:

Total Appropriations	\$2,646,318
Available Credits:	
Estimated Revenue	\$375,123
Community Corrections	70,000
Surplus Transfer	159,000

Total Available Credits	604,123
Amount to be Raised by Taxation	<u>\$2,042,195</u>

; and be it further

Sec. 4. Proceeds from drug seizures. Resolved: That the expenditure of the proceeds from drug seizures that accrue to the Somerset County Sheriff's Department must be authorized in the same manner as other county expenditures.

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

Effective April 6, 1992.

CHAPTER 71

S.P. 970 - L.D. 2450

Resolve, to Establish the Maine Youth Apprenticeship Program

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

Whereas, the Legislature finds that the standard of living, the quality of life and the future well-being of the people of the State depend upon improving our productivity and our competitive position in the emerging world economy; and

Whereas, Maine employers today have openings for highly skilled technicians that can not be filled because of lack of skilled applicants; and

Whereas, Maine's economic future depends on a highly skilled workforce, yet a majority of students graduating from our secondary school system are not prepared to compete in a high skills economy; and

Whereas, the rapid pace of change around the world and the urgent demands of the current economic crisis require a comprehensive and integrated strategy to move Maine toward high-performance education for all students, a highly skilled workforce at all levels and a high-productivity, high-quality economy for all Maine citizens; and

Whereas, a youth apprenticeship model will better prepare Maine children academically and technically for jobs in Maine, involve employers in the learning experience and at the same time help employers train the next generation of the workforce; and

Whereas, development of such a strategy requires planning during the current school year; 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. Creation of the Maine Youth Apprenticeship Program. Resolved: That by October 1, 1992, the Department of Education, the Department of Labor, selected school administrative units and the Maine Technical College System shall develop a draft model and pilot sites to establish the Maine Youth Apprenticeship Program, which includes and uses Maine's secondary and postsecondary vocational education systems and selected businesses and industries.

The model must incorporate concepts in the Maine common core of learning and a certificate of initial mastery based on an understanding of expected student performance standards. The Maine Youth Apprenticeship Program should be an integrated system allowing students to attain skills for the workforce yet enhance those skills through additional educational opportunities. The model must provide for direct involvement by Maine's business community and organized labor unions; and be if further

Sec. 2. Work group. Resolved: That the Governor shall convene a working group consisting of the Commissioner of Education, Associate Commissioner of Vocational Education, Commissioner of Labor, Director of the Bureau of Labor Standards, President of the Maine Technical College System, one additional representative of the Maine Technical College System, one representative of the University of Maine System and a member of the State Board of Education; and be it further

Sec. 3. Report. Resolved: That on or before November 30, 1992 the Department of Education, on behalf of the working group, shall file a report with the Governor and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters.

The report must include, but not be limited to:

1. The criteria used to develop the Maine Youth Apprenticeship Program draft model;
2. The criteria used in selecting the first pilot programs;
3. Proposed organizational and governance structure and financial support for the Maine Youth Apprenticeship Program, including the role of the private sector and organized labor in the program;
4. Proposed standards and expectations for students based on the Maine common core of learning and

leading to a performance-based certificate of initial mastery; and

5. A plan to have the Maine Youth Apprenticeship Program fully operational in all of Maine's public high schools and regional vocational centers by the 1996-97 school year.

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

Effective April 6, 1992.

CHAPTER 72

H.P. 1633 - L.D. 2297

Resolve, to Ensure Protection and Family Support for Maine's Children

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

Whereas, the State's child protective services system is only able to respond to 25% of the referred cases and does not have adequate resources to offer to those children that do come into the State's custody; and

Whereas, it is essential for the State to make maximum use of federal resources available to support children in need of protection; and

Whereas, it is critical to the health and safety of our children to conduct a comprehensive review of the State's child protective services system and to recommend necessary changes; 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. Comprehensive review. Resolved: That the Department of Human Services shall conduct a comprehensive review of protective and family support services for children. In conducting the review, the department shall:

1. Identify state, local, public and private resources available for provision of services to children who are abused or neglected;
2. Identify areas of need in order to make recommendations to enhance the State's child protective services system;