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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

J.S. McCarthy Company
Augusta, Maine
1999

Committee to Study Standardized Periods of Military Service and Other Matters Related to the Award of State of Maine Veterans' Benefits

Personal Services	\$4,290
All Other	8,300

Provides funds for the per diem and expenses of legislative members and the expenses of other eligible members of the Committee to Study Standardized Periods of Military Service and Other matters Related to the Award of State of Maine Veterans' Benefits, to hold 3 public hearings and to print the required report.

LEGISLATURE TOTAL	\$12,590
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Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.

Effective June 17, 1999.

CHAPTER 79

H.P. 689 - L.D. 956

Resolve, to Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force to Study Strategies to Support Parents as Children's First Teachers

Sec. 1. Deadline for appointment of additional members to Task Force on Early Care and Education. Resolved: That, notwithstanding Resolve 1997, chapter 68, section 2, the 2 additional members of the Task Force on Early Care and Education appointed pursuant to this resolve must be appointed no later than 30 days after the effective date of this resolve; and be it further

Sec. 2. Resolve 1997, c. 68, §§1 and 2, amended. Resolved: That Resolve 1997, c. 68, §§1 and 2 are amended to read:

Sec. 1. Task force established. Resolved: That the Task Force ~~to Study Strategies to Support~~

~~Parents as Children's First Teachers on Early Care and Education~~, referred to in this resolve as the "task force," is established to investigate ways to determine the most efficient and effective strategies to support parents as children's first and most influential teachers; and be it further

Sec. 2. Membership. Resolved: That the task force consists of ~~46~~ 18 members as follows:

1. ~~Two~~ Four Legislators jointly appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House;
2. The Commissioner of Education, or a designee;
3. The Commissioner of Human Services, or a designee;
4. The Commissioner of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, or a designee;
5. One member representing Healthy Start, designated by that program;
6. One member representing Head Start, designated by that program;
7. One member representing the Maine Children's Alliance, designated by the alliance;
8. One member representing the Maine Association of Child Abuse and Neglect Councils, designated by the ~~council~~ association;
9. Three members at large, appointed by the Governor;
10. One member representing elementary education, designated by the Maine Education Association;
11. One member representing the Parents as Teachers Program, designated by that program;
12. One member representing the Child Development Services System, designated by that program; and
13. One member representing the Maine Parent Federation, designated by that program.

All appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council upon making their appointments. The Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall contact appointing authorities who have not made their appointments as of the required date; and be it further

; and be it further

Sec. 3. Resolve 1997, c. 68, §5, last ¶, amended. Resolved: That Resolve 1997, c. 68, §5, last ¶ is amended to read:

As part of its study, the task force shall review early childhood education and parent support programs in other states and shall investigate all possible funding sources to implement its recommendations, including funding from private foundations, fee-for-service, federal grant programs and any other federal, state or local funding that may be available; ~~and be it further~~;

; and be it further

Sec. 4. Resolve 1997, c. 68, §5, amended. Resolved: That Resolve 1997, c. 68, §5 is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

The task force also shall monitor the development of the process that supports home visiting programs by the Department of Human Services; and be it further

; and be it further

Sec. 5. Resolve 1997, c. 68, §9, amended. Resolved: That Resolve 1997, c. 68, §9, as amended by Resolve 1997, c. 122, §5 and affected by §7, is further amended to read:

Sec. 9. Report. Resolved: ~~That the task force shall submit to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, with a copy to the Governor, a report of its findings, including any necessary implementing legislation no later than December 1, 1997. In addition, the task force shall submit a follow-up report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and the Governor, including any necessary implementing legislation, no later than December 15, 1998. That the task force shall submit an interim report no later than January 15, 2000 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters and a final report to the same committees, including any necessary implementing legislation, no later than January 15, 2001. If the task force requires an extension, it may apply to the Legislative Council, which may grant the extension; and be it further~~

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 80

H.P. 1103 - L.D. 1550

Resolve, to Establish a Task Force to Study the Improvement of Public Water Supply Protection

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

Whereas, public water supply protection is a voluntary activity wherein the water supplier has limited power to protect its own resources; and

Whereas, contamination with bacteria, nitrates, hydrocarbon and fuel products and pesticides and other toxic chemicals remains a common concern for public water suppliers in Maine despite existing programs; and

Whereas, the Governor has made the protection of public water supplies a priority in plans for providing safe water to the citizens of the State; and

Whereas, recent events have demonstrated the susceptibility of public water supply wells to unexpected contamination; and

Whereas, a study of public water supply protection must be initiated promptly in order that the study may be completed and a report submitted in time for the next legislative session; 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. Task force established. Resolved: That the Public Water Supply Protection Task Force, referred to in this resolve as the "task force," is established to study the improvement of public water supply protection; and be it further

Sec. 2. Membership. Resolved: That the task force consists of 19 members appointed as follows:

1. Six Legislators, 3 of whom must be Senators, appointed by the President of the Senate and 3 of whom must be members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

2. One member representing the Department of Human Services, appointed by the Commissioner of Human Services;