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OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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Whereas, the State currently has one of the lowest higher education enrollment rates in the country, ranking 47th in the percentage of citizens enrolled in higher education; and

Whereas, asynchronous and synchronous distance education over the Internet is a very effective way to deliver college courses to the State's people, especially those who work full-time and live in rural areas; and

Whereas, it is critical to make investments that will enable the State's citizens to access their college education over fast, reliable and cost-effective technology; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Long-term access to technical colleges. Resolved: That, to ensure that affordable access to quality higher education is sustained, the Maine Technical College System shall attempt to enroll 1,000 newly matriculated students in each of the next succeeding biennia after the effective date of this resolve until such time as the technical colleges cumulatively matriculate 10,000 students, and the Legislature intends to continue to appropriate and allocate the necessary funds to the Maine Technical College System.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 129

S.P. 923 - L.D. 2374

Resolve, to Implement the Recommendations Contained in the Report Entitled "Women's Health: An Action Plan for Maine"

Sec. 1. Women's health action plan implementation. Resolved: That the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Health shall implement the recommendations contained in the report entitled "Women's Health: An Action Plan for Maine," prepared by Medical Care Development, Inc., by contracting with a nonprofit organization to provide technical assistance, training, strategic planning, policy analysis and coordination; 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.

2000-01

**HUMAN SERVICES,
DEPARTMENT OF**

Bureau of Health

All Other \$200,000

Provides for the one-time appropriation of funds to implement recommendations in the "Women's Health: An Action Plan for Maine" report by contracting with a nonprofit organization to provide technical assistance, training, strategic planning, policy analysis and coordination.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 130

H.P. 1658 - L.D. 2327

Resolve, to Establish a Commission to Study Kindergarten-to-grade-12 Educator Recruitment and Retention

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

Whereas, it is necessary and vital to the people of the State that the cause of teacher shortages and ways of recruiting and retaining teachers be determined; 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 established. Resolved: That the Commission to Study Kindergarten-to-grade-12 Educator Recruitment and Retention, referred to in this resolve as the "commission," is established; and be it further

Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved: That the commission consists of the following 14 members:

1. The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's designee;
2. The Commissioner of Labor or the commissioner's designee from the Division of Labor Market Information Services;
3. Three members representing teachers who are public school teachers in the State, appointed by the Maine Education Association;