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STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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utes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, is authorized.

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

Effective March 29, 2010.

CHAPTER 181

H.P. 60 - L.D. 71

Resolve, To Create a Working Group To Review the Property Tax Exemption for Veterans

Sec. 1. Convene working group. Resolved: That the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services shall convene a working group to review the current property tax exemption for veterans and make recommendations for changes that will increase the property tax exemption for qualified post-World War I veterans. The working group must include representatives of the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services. The Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services shall invite the participation of the Maine Municipal Association and other interested stakeholders; and be it further

Sec. 2. Duties of working group. Resolved: That the working group under section 1 shall review alternatives for increasing the property tax exemption for qualified post-World War I veterans. The alternatives must include, but are not limited to, an increase on a one-time basis, an increase over time through indexing to the Consumer Price Index or a 5% annual increase. The working group shall review the financial and administrative impact on state and local government as well as the benefit to veterans; and be it further

Sec. 3. Report recommendations. Resolved: That, by January 15, 2011, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters the findings and recommendations of the working group under section 1.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 182

H.P. 1187 - L.D. 1686

Resolve, To Clarify the Reporting of Debt Service Costs and the Allowance of Minor Capital School Improvement Projects Costs under Essential Programs and Services

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

Whereas, many school administrative units have an immediate need to submit proposals for approval under the school funding formula for recognition of non-state-funded debt service expenditures incurred for minor capital school improvement projects; and

Whereas, it may be necessary to change the law to allow for reimbursement for these non-state-funded debt service expenditures; and

Whereas, a review of current law and state policy pertaining to the funding and reporting requirements for these projects must be initiated before the 90-day period expires in order that the study may be completed and a report submitted in time for submission to 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. Review of essential programs and services requirements for non-state-funded debt service expenditures incurred for minor capital school improvement projects. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Education shall convene a stakeholder group to review current state law related to recognizing, funding and approving non-state-funded debt service costs incurred for minor capital school improvement projects; and be it further

Sec. 2. Stakeholder group. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's designee is a member of the stakeholder group. The Commissioner of Education shall invite the participation of representatives of the following educational associations:

1. The Maine School Superintendents Association;