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CHAPTER 14
S.P. 59 - L.D. 209

**Resolve, To Establish a
Stakeholder Group To Review
the Maine State Grant
Program**

Sec. 1. Stakeholder group to review Maine State Grant Program. Resolved: That the Finance Authority of Maine, referred to in this resolve as "the authority," shall establish a stakeholder group, through a partnership with other appropriate entities, to work together to review the Maine State Grant Program, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 11612 and referred to in this resolve as "the program"; and be it further

Sec. 2. Participants. Resolved: That the authority shall invite the following to participate in the stakeholder group:

1. The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's designee;
2. The Chancellor of the University of Maine System or the chancellor's designee;
3. The President of the Maine Community College System or the president's designee;
4. A representative of Maine's private, nonprofit higher education institutions;
5. A Maine college or university student;
6. A representative of the Maine Compact for Higher Education;
7. A representative of the Maine Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators;
8. A representative of the Senator George J. Mitchell Scholarship Research Institute; and
9. Other interested parties at the discretion of the authority; and be it further

Sec. 3. Duties. Resolved: That the review must include, but is not limited to, the following:

1. A review of the history and efficacy of the program and any necessary changes;
2. Ideas to enhance the program in light of current and future higher education trends and needs;
3. Options to increase funding for the program in the face of increased higher education costs and declining state funding; and
4. Current and future grant and financial aid needs of Maine students and families; and be it further

Sec. 4. Report. Resolved: That, by December 1, 2011, the authority shall submit a written report of the findings of the review under this resolve and

any recommendations resulting from the review to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs. The joint standing committee may introduce a bill during the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature to implement the recommendations on matters relating to the review.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 15
H.P. 204 - L.D. 251

**Resolve, To Establish the
Wilderness Rescue Task Force**

Sec. 1. Wilderness Rescue Task Force. Resolved: That the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall establish the Wilderness Rescue Task Force to study the necessity and feasibility of establishing first aid stations and helicopter landing areas in remote locations where access and first aid supplies may not be readily available to search and rescue personnel; and be it further

Sec. 2. Wilderness Rescue Task Force members. Resolved: That the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall seek members to serve on the Wilderness Rescue Task Force that represent the Maine Forest Products Council, the Maine Hospital Association, LifeFlight of Maine and any other entity the department determines is necessary for the purposes of this resolve; and be it further

Sec. 3. Reporting date established. Resolved: That the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall report the findings and recommendations of the Wilderness Rescue Task Force, including proposed legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by February 1, 2012.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 16
H.P. 458 - L.D. 628

**Resolve, To Stagger the Terms
of Members of the Maine
Arborist Advisory Council**

Sec. 1. Staggered terms for members of Maine Arborist Advisory Council. Resolved: That, notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7, section 2191, subsection 1, the terms of 4 members of the Maine Arborist Advisory Council described in Title 7, section 2191 that are due to expire in 2012 are extended on a one-time basis. The terms of 2 members, one representing an electrical transmis-