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STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$2,240	\$3,361
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DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$44,809	\$67,214

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

Effective July 12, 2015.

**CHAPTER 46
S.P. 368 - L.D. 1042**

Resolve, To Create the Task Force on School Leadership

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

Whereas, this resolve establishes the Task Force on School Leadership to conduct a comprehensive study of excellence in school leadership; and

Whereas, the study 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. Task force established. Resolved: That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the Task Force on School Leadership, referred to in this resolve as "the task force," is established; and be it further

Sec. 2. Task force membership. Resolved: That the task force consists of 17 members appointed as follows:

1. One member of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate;
2. Two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, including a member from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;
3. Seven members appointed by the President of the Senate as follows:
 - A. Two members with expertise in school leadership issues;

- B. One member who is a secondary school principal;
 - C. One member who is an assistant principal;
 - D. One member who is a school special education director;
 - E. One member who is a teacher who has a school administrator certificate; and
 - F. One member who is a superintendent of a small rural school district;
4. Six members appointed by the Speaker of the House as follows:
- A. Two members with expertise in school leadership issues;
 - B. Two members who are school principals, including one who is an elementary school principal and one who is a middle school principal;
 - C. One member who holds a staff position at the Maine Principals' Association; and
 - D. One member who is a superintendent of a large urban school district; and
5. The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's designee.

Prior to making appointments to the task force pursuant to subsections 3 and 4, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall seek nominations from the Maine Principals' Association and the Maine School Superintendents Association. The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall request the Maine Principals' Association and the Maine School Superintendents Association to survey their members for recommended nominations; and be it further

Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved: That the Senate member is the Senate chair and the first-named House of Representatives member is the House chair of the task force; and be it further

Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of task force. Resolved: That 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 once all appointments have been completed. After appointment of all members, the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the task force. If 30 days or more after the effective date of this resolve a majority of but not all appointments have been made, the chairs may request authority and the Legislative Council may grant authority for the task force to meet and conduct its business; and be it further

Sec. 5. Meetings; duties. Resolved: That the task force shall meet twice in order to conduct a comprehensive study on excellence in school leadership in

prekindergarten to grade 12 public schools. In performing its work, the task force shall research the various aspects of the issues related to excellence in school leadership and arrange presentations by recognized experts and practitioners in school leadership including an expert from a school administration preparation program at the University of Maine. The task force shall develop strategies to enhance the identification, recruitment, preparation, mentoring, evaluation, professional development and retention of effective public school principals and other public school leaders; and be it further

Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved: That the Legislative Council shall provide necessary staffing services to the task force; and be it further

Sec. 7. Report. Resolved: That, no later than December 2, 2015, the task force shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, for presentation to the Second Regular Session of the 127th Legislature. The Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

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

Effective July 12, 2015.

CHAPTER 47

H.P. 624 - L.D. 905

Resolve, To Study Allocations of the Fund for a Healthy Maine

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

Whereas, this resolve directs the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services to meet to review the alignment of allocations from the Fund for a Healthy Maine with the State's current public health care and preventive health priorities and goals; and

Whereas, the study 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. Study established. Resolved: That the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services, referred to in this resolve as "the committee," shall study allocations of the Fund for a Healthy Maine as required in this resolve; and be it further

Sec. 2. Convening of committee. Resolved: That the chairs of the committee shall call and convene the first meeting of the committee for the purposes of this resolve no later than 30 days following the effective date of this resolve; and be it further

Sec. 3. Meetings. Resolved: That the committee may meet for the purposes of this resolve only when the Legislature is not in regular or special session. The committee is authorized to meet up to 4 times to accomplish its duties; and be it further

Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved: That the committee shall review the alignment of allocations from the Fund for a Healthy Maine, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 1511, with the State's current public health care and preventive health priorities and goals. The committee shall gather information and data from public and private entities as necessary to:

1. Identify or review the State's current public health care and preventive health priorities and goals;
2. Identify or review strategies for addressing priorities and goals and potential effectiveness of those strategies;
3. Assess the level of resources needed to properly pursue the strategies identified in subsection 2;
4. Make recommendations for how Fund for a Healthy Maine funds should be allocated to most effectively support the State's current public health and preventive health priorities, goals and strategies; and
5. Make recommendations for processes to be used to ensure that Fund for a Healthy Maine allocations stay aligned with the State's health priorities and goals; and be it further

Sec. 5. Cooperation. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services, the Commissioner of Education, the Commissioner of Health and Human Services and the Director of the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention within the Department of Health and Human Services shall provide information and data to the committee as necessary for its work; and be it further

Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved: That the Legislative Council shall provide necessary staffing services to the committee; and be it further

Sec. 7. Report. Resolved: That, no later than December 2, 2015, the committee shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, for presentation to the Second Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.