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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.

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

Effective July 12, 2015.

CHAPTER 48
H.P. 497 - L.D. 721

**Resolve, To Establish the
Commission To Strengthen
and Align the Services
Provided to Maine's Veterans**

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

Whereas, a legislative study by a study commission needs sufficient time for the commission to properly do its work; and

Whereas, there is insufficient time after the 90-day period for a study commission to properly do its work before reporting to the Legislature; 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 To Strengthen and Align the Services Provided to Maine's Veterans established. Resolved: That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the Commission To Strengthen and Align the Services Provided to Maine's Veterans, referred to in this resolve as "the commission," is established; and be it further

Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved: That the commission consists of 11 members appointed as follows:

1. Two members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate who are either veterans of military service or members of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs;

2. Three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives who are either veterans of military service or members of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs;

3. The Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management or the commissioner's designee;

4. Three members appointed by the President of the Senate, representing both genders, including a

member who is 30 years of age or younger and a member who is 65 years of age or older. Members appointed under this subsection must have experience in:

A. Developing, implementing or advising on veterans' affairs policy;

B. Representing a veterans' service organization; or

C. Providing services to veterans as part of a nonprofit organization; and

5. Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, including a member who is between 30 and 40 years of age and a member who is between 41 and 64 years of age. Members appointed under this subsection must have experience in:

A. Developing, implementing or advising on veterans' affairs policy; or

B. Providing services to veterans as part of a nonprofit organization; and be it further

Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved: That the Senate member is the Senate chair and the House of Representatives member is the House chair of the commission; and be it further

Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of commission. 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. The first meeting date must be set within 15 days after and be held within 30 days after all appointments have been made; and be it further

Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved: That the commission shall:

1. Review the services provided by the State to veterans for the purpose of identifying gaps, duplications and inefficiencies;

2. Consider methods and strategies for improving the State's engagement and communication with veterans of the conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq;

3. Identify gaps and insufficiencies in the provision of health care and mental health care services to veterans through both state and federal programs and consider ways in which the State can improve health care and mental health care services for veterans where insufficiencies or gaps in federal resources or state services exist;

4. Study how to better align community, state and federal services and resources for veterans who are facing the problem of homelessness;

5. Study how the State can develop and implement a campaign and marketing strategy to better