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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

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Sec. 9. Funding. Resolved: That the commission may accept donations and contributions from any source to assist it in carrying out the purposes of this resolve. The commission shall keep a record of contributions received and disbursements made and publish that record on the State's publicly accessible website; and be it further

Sec. 10. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

CULTURAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL, MAINE STATE

State of Maine Bicentennial Celebration N257

Initiative: Provides an ongoing allocation for outside funds received for the State of Maine bicentennial celebration to be used by the Maine Bicentennial Commission.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

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

Effective August 2, 2017.

**CHAPTER 26
H.P. 456 - L.D. 642**

Resolve, To Establish the Task Force To Identify Special Education Cost Drivers and Innovative Approaches to 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, the Task Force To Identify Special Education Cost Drivers and Innovative Approaches to Services will work to address the rising cost of special education while maintaining high-quality services that accommodate the needs of all children; 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 To Identify Special Education Cost Drivers and Innovative Approaches to Services, 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 13 members appointed as follows:

1. A Senate member of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, appointed by the President of the Senate;
2. A House of Representatives member of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
3. A school superintendent representing the Maine School Superintendents Association, appointed by the President of the Senate;
4. A member of a school board representing the Maine School Boards Association, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
5. Two special education directors representing a statewide association of special education directors or teachers, appointed by the President of the Senate. One of the members must be a special education director who serves an urban school administrative unit, and the other member must be a special education director who serves a rural school administrative unit;
6. A principal representing the Maine Principals' Association, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
7. A teacher representing the Maine Education Association, appointed by the President of the Senate;
8. A parent of a student with special needs representing a statewide association of parents of students with special needs, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
9. An advocate for students with special needs, appointed by the President of the Senate;
10. A school finance manager or a school business manager, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
11. A special education student who graduated from a school administrative unit in the State within the last 5 years, appointed by the President of the Senate; and

12. An employee of the Department of Education, appointed by the Commissioner of Education; 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 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. Duties; authorized meetings. Resolved: That the task force shall address the rising cost of special education and the maintenance of high-quality services that accommodate the needs of all children by identifying cost drivers and recommending innovative approaches to serving students. The task force may hold no more than 5 meetings; 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 6, 2017, the task force shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, for presentation to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. The Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs may submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature.

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

Effective August 2, 2017.

CHAPTER 27

H.P. 170 - L.D. 214

Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Streamline Veterans' Licensing and Certification

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 Commission To Streamline Veterans' Licensing and Certification to identify ways to streamline licensing and certification requirements for veterans; 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. Commission To Streamline Veterans' Licensing and Certification. Resolved: That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the Commission To Streamline Veterans' Licensing and Certification, referred to in this resolve as "the commission," is established; and be it further

Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved: That the commission consists of 13 members appointed as follows:

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

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

4. The Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation or the commissioner's designee;

5. The Commissioner of Labor or the commissioner's designee;

6. Three members appointed by the President of the Senate with experience in:

A. Membership on a licensing or certification board;

B. Work at an educational institution with programming that results in licensing or certification;

C. Work in the field of human resources; or