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CHAPTER 102
H.P. 812 - L.D. 1264

**Resolve, Establishing the
Commission to Update Maine's
Public Policy on Higher
Education**

Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved: That the Commission to Update Maine's Public Policy on Higher Education, referred to in this resolve as "the commission," is established.

Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved: That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the commission consists of 17 members, including:

1. Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate, who serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, including one member of the party holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature and one member of the party holding the 2nd largest number of seats in the Legislature;

2. Three members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House, who serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, including 2 members of the party holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature and one member of the party holding the 2nd largest number of seats in the Legislature;

3. One member with expertise in higher education policy issues representing a statewide education policy research institute, appointed by the President of the Senate;

4. One member who is a representative of a union representing the faculty of the Maine Community College System, appointed by the President of the Senate;

5. One member representing the certification and higher education committee of the State Board of Education, appointed by the President of the Senate;

6. One member who is employed as a faculty member at a private college or university in the State, appointed by the President of the Senate;

7. One member who is a representative of a union representing the faculty of the University of Maine System, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

8. One member who is a representative of a union representing the faculty of the Maine Maritime Academy, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

9. One member representing private colleges and universities in the State, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

10. One member who is currently enrolled as a student at a college or university in the State, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

11. The Chancellor of the University of Maine System or the chancellor's designee;

12. The President of the Maine Community College System or the president's designee;

13. The President of the Maine Maritime Academy or the president's designee; and

14. The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's designee.

In appointing members of the commission, the appointing authorities shall give consideration to race, gender, socioeconomic diversity and geographic diversity.

Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved: That the first-named Senate member is the Senate chair and the first-named House of Representatives member is the House chair of the commission.

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. After appointment of all members, the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the study group. 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 study group to meet and conduct its business.

Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved: That the commission shall review all related laws and rules addressing the State's public policy on higher education, including but not limited to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 10902, and make recommendations for potential legislative changes.

In conducting its review, the commission shall analyze present and future goals, including but not limited to expanding access to affordable high-quality higher education to help students achieve postsecondary success in the 21st century.

To assist the commission in carrying out its review, the Department of Education, the University of Maine System, the Maine Community College System and the Maine Maritime Academy each shall provide to the commission any data and information the commission considers relevant to its work.

At the discretion of the chairs, the commission may seek input from any students, faculty and staff in the State's public institutions of higher education, groups that have an interest in the State's public institutions of higher education and other stakeholders.

Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved: That the Legislative Council shall provide necessary staffing services to the commission, except that Legislative

Council staff support is not authorized when the Legislature is in regular or special session.

Sec. 7. Report. Resolved: That, no later than December 6, 2023, the commission shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. The joint standing committee may report out a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 103

H.P. 1047 - L.D. 1622

Resolve, to Reestablish the Criminal Records Review Committee

Sec. 1. Review committee established. Resolved: That the Criminal Records Review Committee, referred to in this resolve as "the review committee," is established.

Sec. 2. Review committee membership. Resolved: That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the review committee consists of the following members:

1. Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate, including one member from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;
2. Two members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, including one member from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;
3. The Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee;
4. The Commissioner of Health and Human Services or the commissioner's designee;
5. The Commissioner of Public Safety or the commissioner's designee;
6. The Commissioner of Corrections or the commissioner's designee;
7. The President of the Maine Prosecutors Association or the president's designee;
8. The President of the Maine Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers or the president's designee;
9. The President of the Maine Sheriffs' Association or the president's designee;
10. The President of the Maine Chiefs of Police Association or the president's designee;

11. The chair of the Right To Know Advisory Committee or the chair's designee;

12. A representative of a civil rights organization whose primary mission includes the advancement of racial justice, appointed by the President of the Senate;

13. A representative of an organization that provides legal assistance on immigration, appointed by the President of the Senate;

14. A representative of an organization whose primary mission is to address issues related to poverty, appointed by the President of the Senate;

15. A representative of a statewide nonprofit organization whose mission includes advocating for victims and survivors of domestic violence, appointed by the President of the Senate;

16. A representative of a substance use disorder treatment or recovery community, appointed by the President of the Senate;

17. A representative of an adult and juvenile prisoners' rights organization, appointed by the President of the Senate;

18. A representative of newspaper and other press interests, appointed by the President of the Senate;

19. A representative of broadcasting interests, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

20. A representative of a statewide nonprofit organization whose mission includes advocating for victims and survivors of sexual assault, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

21. A representative of an organization that provides free civil legal assistance to citizens of the State with low incomes, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

22. A representative of a mental health advocacy organization, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

23. A representative of a civil liberties organization whose primary mission is the protection of civil liberties, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

24. A representative of a nonprofit organization whose primary mission is to advocate for victims and survivors of sexual exploitation and sex trafficking, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

25. A representative of an organization involved in advocating for juvenile justice reform, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

26. A representative of a public records access advocacy organization, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.