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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACTION
ON
PROPOSED STUDY COMMISSIONS
May 29, 1997**

COMMISSION/STUDY	COUNCIL ACTION	MEMBERSHIP	STAFFING	# MTGS	REPORT	COMPENSATION	FUNDING
Comm/Study the Use of Pharmaceuticals in Long-term Care Settings LD 146	Approved as amended (9 - 1)	10 members; including 3 legislators	Leg. Council	3	1/1/98	Per diem and expenses: legislators only	PS: \$495 AO: 950
Task Force on Production & Issuance of Registration Plates LD 260	(No action required: continuation of study)	11 members; including 4 legislators	Secy' of State; Leg. Council (drafting only)		118th/2nd	Legislators: expenses only	Highway funds available from unexpended balance previously allocated for this purpose
Comm/Study the Unemployment Compensation System LD 332 (Emergency)	Approved as amended (8 - 1)	11 members; including 4 legislators	Leg. Council	4	1/1/98	Per diem and expenses: legislators only	PS: \$ 880 AO: 1,300
Task Force/Study Feasibility of Single Claims Processing System for 3rd-party Payors of Health Care Benefits LD 350 (Emergency)	Approved as amended (unanimous)	15 members; including 4 legislators	Leg. Council	8	1/1/98	Per diem and expenses: legislators only	PS: \$ 1,760 AO: 2,100 (Allocation of funds from Bureau of Insurance)
Comm/Determine the Adequacy of Services to Persons with Mental Retardation LD 581 (Emergency)	Approved as amended (unanimous)	17 members; including 3 legislators	Leg. Council	4	1/1/98	Per diem and expenses: legislators only	PS: \$ 660 AO: 1,100
Comm/Examine Rate Setting in the Financing of Long-term Care Facilities LD 657 (Emergency)	Approved (unanimous)	15 members; including 4 legislators	Leg. Council	5	12/15/97	Per diem and expenses: legislators only	PS: \$1,100 AO: 1,500
Work Group to Examine Legal Rights of Children who Testify as Alleged Victims of Sexual Abuse LD 803	Approved as amended (unanimous)	9 members; including 2 legislators	Dept. of Human Services & AG	4	1/1/98	Per diem and expenses: legislators only	PS: \$440 AO: 400
Task Force to Determine the Tuition Rates of a Receiving School for a Student from Another School District LD 857 (Emergency)	Approved as amended (unanimous)	Department directed to study	Dept. of Education	---	1/1/98	---	---

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Comm/Study Insurance Fraud LD 933 (Emergency)	Approved as amended (9 - 1)	12 members; including 2 legislators	Bureau of Insurance; Leg. Council	5	1/1/98	Per diem and expenses: legislators only	PS: \$ 550 AO: 1,000
Comm/Study the Funding & Distribution of Teletypewriters & Other Telecommunications Equipment for People with Disabilities LD 944	Approved as amended (unanimous)	13 including 3 legislators	Leg. Council	4	1/1/98	Per diem and expenses: legislators only	PS: \$ 660 AO: 2,350
Task Force to Study Backyard Burning LD 967	Approved as amended (unanimous)	Department directed to study	Department	---	1/1/98	---	---
Comm/Study Certificate of Need Laws LD 998 (Emergency)	Approved as amended (unanimous)	15 members; including 2 legislators	Dept. of Human Services	5	12/1/97	Per diem and expenses: legislators only	PS: \$550 AO: 500
Task Force to Review the Applied Technology Centers and Applied Technology Regions LD 1048	Approved as amended (unanimous)	11 members; including 2 legislators	Dept. of Education & Me. Council on Vocational Education	3	12/1/97	Per diem and expenses: legislators only	PS: \$330 AO: 300
Legislative Review of Revisions to the State's Clean Air Strategy LD 1058	Approved as amended (unanimous)	Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources	Leg. Council	1	11/1/97	Per diem and expenses	PS: \$715 AO: 650 (Costs absorbed within Legislative Budget)
Task Force/Develop a Single Payment System for State & Federal Taxes for Small Businesses LD 1368	Approved as amended (unanimous)	11 members; including 3 legislators	Bureau Taxation & Leg. Council	4	1/1/98	Per diem and expenses: legislators only	PS: \$ 660 AO: 1,100
Task Force/Study the Feasibility of Creating a Maine Mobility Fund LD 1377 (Emergency)	Approved as amended (6 - 4)	19 members; including 4 legislators	Leg. Council	4	1/1/98	Per diem and expenses: legislators only	PS: \$880 AO: 800 (Alloc: 500)

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State Compensation Commission LD 1391	Approved as amended (6 - 4)	5 members; no legislators	Leg. Council	FY 98: 8 FY 99: 8	Biannual (by January 1st)	Legislative per diem & expenses	FY 98 PS: \$2,200 AO: 3,500 FY 99 PS: \$2,200 AO: 2,000
Study the State's Regional Service Center Communities LD 1437	Approved (unanimous)	13 members; including 3 legislators	Various Exec. Depts.	6	1/1/98	Per diem and expenses: legislators only	PS: \$ 980 AO: 1,900
Comm/Review the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act LD 1447	Approved as amended (unanimous)	Department directed to study	Department	---	1/1/98	---	---
Task Force/Study Equal Economic Opportunity for All Regions of the State LD 1452	Approved as amended (unanimous)	14 members; including 5 legislators	Leg. Council	4	1/1/98	Per diem and expenses: legislators only	PS: \$1,100 AO: 1,500
Task Force/Study Cost-Effectiveness of the Child Development Services System LD 1581	Approved as amended (unanimous)	16 members; including 4 legislators	Leg. Council	3	1/1/98	Per diem and expenses legislators only	PS: \$ 660 AO: 1,100
Task Force/Information Technology in the Public Sector LD 1589	Approved as amended (unanimous)	23 members; including 2 legislators	DAFS; SPO	4 6	1/1/98	Per diem and expenses: legislators only	PS: \$440 AO: 400
Comm/Study the Development of Maine's Franco-American Resource LD 1603 (Emergency)	Approved as amended (unanimous)	27 members; including 4 legislators	Maine Franco- American Center	5	12/1/97	Legislators: per diem & expenses Others : expenses only payable by the University of Maine System UMS Direct Appropriation	PS: \$1,100 AO: 1,500 [Alloc: 500] AO: \$47,400
Comm/Study the Stocking of Alewives LD 1604 (Emergency)	Approved as amended (Staff Study)	Staff study only	---	---	11/15/97	---	---
Oversight of DEP Study of Options for Complying with Federal Clean Air Act LD 1651	Approved as amended (unanimous)	5 member subcommittee of Natural Resources Committee	Leg. Council	2	1/1/98	Per diem and expenses	PS: \$550 AO: 500 (Costs absorbed within Legislative Budget)

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Progress Meetings with DMHMR/SAS and DHS on Design of Comprehensive Mental Health Services Delivery System for Children LD 1744	Approved as amended (7-2)	3 member subcommittee of Health and Human Services Committee	Leg. Council	4	12/15/97	Per diem and expenses	PS: \$660 AO: 600
Task Force to Study Strategies to Support Parents as Children's First Teachers LD 1832	Approved as amended (9-1)	16 members; including 2 legislators	Department of Human Services	4	12/1/97	Per diem and expenses: legislators only	PS: \$440 AO: 400
Education Research Institute LD 1841	Approved as amended (unanimous)	N/A	(Contract with UMS)	N/A		N/A	FY 98 AO: \$75,000 FY 99 AO: \$75,000 (Funding provided through deappropriation to GPA and UMS in amount of \$37,500 each for both fiscal years)
Comm/Review the Effectiveness of Statewide Confidentiality Laws Dealing with the Care of People with Mental Illness LD 106	Failed (1-9)	24 members; including 2 legislators	Leg. Council	4	1/1/98	Per diem & expenses for legislators and other members who are not State employees (20 members eligible)	PS: \$4,400 AO: 4,500
Task Force on Youth & Families LD 787 (Emergency)	Failed (1-8)	16 members; including 6 legislators	Leg. Council	5	12/1/97	All members: Per diem and expenses	PS: \$4,400 AO: 4,500
Legal Counsel for Legislative Committees LD 1152	Failed (unanimous)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	---
Blue Ribbon Comm/Study the Effect of Gov't Regulation on Small Businesses in Maine LD 1343 (Emergency)	Failed (3-7)	13 members; including at least 4 legislators	Leg. Council	6	12/15/97	Legislators: per diem & expenses Others : none	PS: \$1,320 AO: 1,700 [Alloc: 500]
Maine Commission on Outstanding Citizens LD 1610	Failed (unanimous)	8 members; including 1 legislator	Leg. Council	5	1/15/98	Legislator: per diem & expenses Others : expenses only	PS: \$ 275 AO: 2,150

COMMISSION/STUDY	COUNCIL ACTION	MEMBERSHIP	STAFFING	# MTGS	REPORT	COMPENSATION	FUNDING
STUDIES REQUESTED BY COMMITTEES							
Privacy of Genetic Information (see LD 1243)	Approved (Unanimous)	Banking & Insurance Committee (5 member subcommittee)	OPLA	Subcomm: 2 Full Comm: 1	12/15/97	Per diem & expenses	PS: \$1,265 AO: 1,650
Scope of Juvenile Justice Problems and Services in Maine	Approved as amended (Unanimous)	Criminal Justice Committee (5 member subcommittee)	OPLA	Full Comm: 1 Subcomm: 1	11/1/97	Per diem & expenses	PS: \$990 AO: 1,400
Study of Occupational Disease Laws (see LD 835)	Approved as amended (Unanimous)	Staff Study only	OPLA	---	12/1/97	---	---
Privatization of State Liquor Stores	Approved as amended (Unanimous)	Staff Study only	OPLA	---	12/1/97	---	---
Citizen Initiative Process	Approved as amended (Unanimous)	Staff Study only	OPLA	---	12/1/97	---	---
Confidentiality of Patient Care Information (see LD 1737 ; LD 1779)	Failed (7 - 2)	(Requested by Health/ Human Services Comm.)	---	---	---	---	---
Issues Related to Access, Privacy & the New Computer Technology in Maine	Failed (Unanimous)	(Requested by Judiciary Committee)	---	---	---	---	---

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Note: Council action is contingent upon
action by full Legislature

Jt. Select Committee on Research & Development	Approved (Unanimous)	14 legislators	Leg. Council	3	1/1/90	Per diem & expenses	PS: \$2,310 AO: 2,600
Jt. Select Committee to Oversee Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company	Approved (6 - 4)	7 legislators	Leg. Council	4	1/1/90	Per diem & expenses	PS: \$1,540 AO: 1,900
Select Committee to Study the Health Effects of Reformulated Gasoline	Failed (8 - 2)	---	---	---	---	---	---