

**Task Force To Identify Special Education Cost Drivers
and Innovative Approaches to Services**

128th Maine Legislature, 1st Session (Resolve 2017, Chapter 26 (LD 642))

***** AGENDA *****

Thursday, October 19, 2017, 9:00 a.m. to noon
Cross State Office Building, Room 202, Augusta, Maine
(Education & Cultural Affairs Committee Room)

- 9:00 a.m. **Call to Order, Welcome and Opening Remarks**
(*Sen. Brian Langley, Senate Chair, and Rep. Richard Farnsworth, House Chair*)
- 9:10 a.m. **Review Resolve’s Task Force Duties, Procedures and “Housekeeping”**
(*Phil McCarthy, Senior Legislative Analyst*)
- 9:15 a.m. **Task Force Members’ Introductions: Experience, Awareness and Interests**
(*Task Force Chairs and Members*)
- 10:00 a.m. **Briefing and Discussions (Q&A): MEPRI Report “Analysis of the Essential Programs and Services Special Education Cost Component: Report to the Maine Department of Education (July 2016)”**
(*Dr. Amy Johnson, Director, Maine Education Policy Research Institute, University of Southern Maine*)
- 10:30 a.m. **Briefing and Discussions (Q&A): Maine Department of Education (“DOE”) Special Education Working Group**
(*Janice Breton, DOE Director, Special Services, and Dr. David Silvernail, Professor Emeritus and Research Professor, University of Southern Maine*)
- 11:00 a.m. **Briefing and Discussions (Q&A): Overview of Special Education Cost Drivers and Innovation Approaches to Services in Maine School Administrative Units**
(*Dr. Katie Hawes, Superintendent, RSU#21 (Kennebunk, Maine)*)
- 11:45 a.m. **Discussion of Next Steps and Requests for Information**
(*Task Force Chairs and Members*)
- 11:55 a.m. **Future Meeting Dates and Announcements**
(*Sen. Langley, Senate Chair, and Rep. Farnsworth, House Chair*)
- 12:00 p.m. **Adjournment**