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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
131ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 189, L.D. 291, “An Act to Support Young People Affected by Substance Use Disorder”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Recovery High School in the State'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

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

Whereas, students in recovery from substance use disorder need support services in addition to a standard educational curriculum leading to graduation; and

Whereas, high schools are not equipped to effectively support students in recovery from substance use disorder; and

Whereas, this resolve establishes the Commission to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Recovery High School in the State; and

Whereas, the work of the commission needs to be initiated before the 90-day period expires in order for the study to be completed and a report submitted in time for consideration in 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 established. Resolved: That the Commission to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Recovery High School in the State, referred to in this resolve as "the commission," is established.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 **Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding Joint Rule
2 353, the commission consists of 13 members appointed as follows:

3 1. Six members appointed by the President of the Senate as follows:

4 A. Two members of the Senate, including a member from each of the 2 parties holding
5 the largest number of seats in the Legislature;

6 B. One member who has expertise in recovery high schools or other residential
7 programs that provide educational services to youth in recovery from substance use
8 disorder;

9 C. One member who is a high school teacher in the State or a school administrator in
10 the State;

11 D. One member who represents a statewide organization that advocates for individuals
12 in substance use disorder recovery and the families of those individuals; and

13 E. One member who is a parent or guardian of a youth in recovery from substance use
14 disorder;

15 2. Five members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives as follows:

16 A. Two members of the House of Representatives, including a member from each of
17 the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;

18 B. One member representing an organization that provides services for youth with
19 substance use disorder;

20 C. One member who is a licensed social worker who works with youth with substance
21 use disorder or co-occurring disorders; and

22 D. One member who is a person who has not attained 21 years of age who is in recovery
23 from substance use disorder;

24 3. The Commissioner of Health and Human Services or the commissioner's designee;
25 and

26 4. The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's designee.

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

30 **Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of commission. Resolved:** That all
31 appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this
32 resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative
33 Council once all appointments have been completed. After appointment of all members,
34 the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the commission. If 30 days or more
35 after the effective date of this resolve a majority of but not all appointments have been
36 made, the chairs may request authority and the Legislative Council may grant authority for
37 the commission to meet and conduct its business.

38 **Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall examine and make
39 recommendations on the feasibility of establishing a recovery high school in this State. The
40 duties include but are not limited to the following:

