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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 726, L.D. 1801, “Resolve, to Increase Transparency and Evaluate Emergency Response Through a COVID-19 Review Commission”

Amend the resolve in the emergency preamble by striking out all of the 2nd paragraph (page 1, lines 3 to 11 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

**'Whereas,** this resolve establishes the COVID-19 Review Commission to study the State's response to the COVID-19 emergency; and'

Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 5 and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall:

- 1. Study the State's response to coronavirus disease 2019, referred to in this resolve as COVID-19, and state laws, rules and policies governing that response in the State;
- 2. Review overall primary and secondary health, education and economic effects on communities, including racial and ethnic minority populations, of COVID-19 infections and deaths and the response of the State to mitigate those effects;
- 3. Review state, county and municipal government preparedness and response to the declared COVID-19 emergency;
- 4. Review state and local disease surveillance and detection capabilities; and
- 5. Study any other matters related to the COVID-19 response as required by the commission.'

Amend the resolve in section 6 in the 2nd line (page 2, line 32 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "commission" the following: ', except that Legislative Council staff support is not authorized when the Legislature is in regular or special session'

Amend the resolve by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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**SUMMARY**

This amendment clarifies the duties of the COVID-19 Review Commission. It clarifies that Legislative Council staff support is not authorized when the Legislature is in regular or special session.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

**(See attached)**