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131ST LEGISLATURE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 652, L.D. 1016, “An Act to Support College Student Participation as Policy Interns for State Legislators”

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

'Resolve, to Create the Commission to Study a Legislative Internship Program'

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

'Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved: That the Commission to Study a Legislative Internship Program, referred to in this resolve as "the commission," is established.

Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved: That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the commission consists of 12 members as follows:

- 1. Three members of the Senate, one of whom sits on the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, appointed by the President of the Senate, including members from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;
- 2. Three members of the House of Representatives, one of whom sits on the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, appointed by the Speaker of the House, including members from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;
- 3. The Executive Director of the Legislative Council, or the executive director's designee;
- 4. One member of the Executive Director of the Legislative Council's staff with responsibility for human resources matters;
- 5. Two postsecondary school students or alumni with internship experience with the Legislature, one appointed by the President of the Senate and one appointed by the Speaker of the House;

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1 6. One member with internship coordination experience or a postsecondary school
2 faculty member in the field of law, political science, public policy or government from a
3 private university or college in the State, appointed by the President of the Senate; and

4 7. One member with internship coordination experience or a postsecondary school
5 faculty member in the field of law, political science, public policy or government from the
6 Maine Community College System, appointed by the Speaker of the House.

7 **Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the Senate member from the Joint Standing
8 Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs is the Senate chair and the House of
9 Representatives member from the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural
10 Affairs is the House chair of the commission.

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

19 **Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall study and develop a structure
20 for an internship program to place a person attending an accredited institution of higher
21 education in the State or a resident of the State who is a student at an accredited institution
22 of higher education in another state with a Legislator to assist with policy work immediately
23 before, during and immediately after a legislative session. The commission shall review
24 other internship programs and develop recommendations, policies and procedures for an
25 internship program in the Legislature that includes details on:

- 26 1. The application and selection processes;
- 27 2. The method for Legislators to opt in to the internship program;
- 28 3. The method to match interns with Legislators;
- 29 4. Guidelines to ensure an equitable and inclusive application, selection and matching
30 process;
- 31 5. The training to be provided to Legislators and interns;
- 32 6. The process to evaluate interns;
- 33 7. The process for interns to evaluate the internship program;
- 34 8. The appropriate rate of pay;
- 35 9. The cost to run the internship program, including necessary staff to administer the
36 internship program;
- 37 10. The physical space and infrastructure needs for the internship program;
- 38 11. Security concerns;
- 39 12. The availability of private funding for the internship program; and
- 40 13. Any other matters the commission considers relevant.

