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

'Resolve, To Create the Commission To Study a Stable Continuum of Care for Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and Autism'

Amend the resolve by inserting after the title 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, the study must be initiated before the 90-day period expires so that the Commission To Study a Stable Continuum of Care for Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and Autism may submit its report no later than December 2, 2015; and

Whereas, the expedient appointment of the members of the commission is necessary for the commission to have sufficient time to fully review the matters addressed in this legislation and to develop recommendations to be included in this report; 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'

Amend the resolve in section 1 in the first line (page 1, line 1 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "That" the following: ', notwithstanding Joint Rule 353,'

Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 2 Commission membership. Resolved: That the commission consists of 13 members appointed as follows:

1. Two members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, including a member from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;

2. Three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, including at least one member from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature; and

3. Eight members appointed by the Governor who possess expertise in the subject matter of the study as follows:

A. One representative of a statewide association of providers of services for individuals with intellectual disabilities and autism;

B. One representative of a statewide association of adults with developmental disabilities and autism;

C. One representative of a statewide organization that provides advocacy services to individuals with disabilities;

- D. One representative of a statewide parents' organization that advocates for housing for individuals with intellectual disabilities and autism;
- E. One individual with intellectual disabilities or autism;
- F. One representative from the Department of Health and Human Services;
- G. One representative from the Department of Education; and
- H. One representative from the Department of Labor; and be it further

Amend the resolve by adding before the summary the following:

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.'

SUMMARY

This amendment changes the composition of the Commission To Study a Stable Continuum of Care for Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and Autism, and it adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause.