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## **Resolve, Establishing a Task Force To Study the Creation of a Comprehensive Career and Technical Education System To Support Workforce Development**

**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 Task Force To Study the Creation of a Comprehensive Career and Technical Education System is established pursuant to this legislation to study the feasibility of establishing a comprehensive 4-year high school career and technical education program to provide a technical high school setting for students; and

**Whereas,** the study must be initiated before the 90-day period expires in order that the study may be completed and a report submitted in time for submission to 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 Task force established. Resolved:** That the Task Force To Study the Creation of a Comprehensive Career and Technical Education System, referred to in this resolve as "the task force," is established.

**Sec. 2 Task force membership. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the task force consists of 10 members appointed as follows:

1. Three members appointed by the President of the Senate as follows:
  - A. One member of the Senate who is a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs;
  - B. One member who is a current career and technical education high school administrator; and
  - C. One member who is on the State Board of Education;
2. Three members appointed by the Speaker of the House as follows:
  - A. One member of the House of Representatives who is a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs;
  - B. One member who is a current career and technical education high school administrator; and
  - C. One member who is on the State Board of Education; and
3. Four members appointed by the Governor as follows:
  - A. One member who attends a community college;
  - B. One member who is on a local board of education in a Maine community;

C. One member who is an officer of the Maine Education Association; and

D. One member who is a member of a trade union.

**Sec. 3 Chairs. Resolved:** That the first-named Senate member is the Senate chair and the first-named House of Representatives member is the House chair of the task force.

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

**Sec. 5 Duties. Resolved:** That the task force shall examine the feasibility of establishing a comprehensive 4-year high school career and technical education program to provide a technical high school setting for middle school students to attend at the completion of the 8th grade.

**Sec. 6 Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the Legislative Council shall provide necessary staffing services to the task force, except that Legislative Council staff support is not authorized when the Legislature is in regular or special session.

**Sec. 7 Report. Resolved:** That, no later than December 4, 2019, the task force shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, for presentation to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

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

## SUMMARY

This resolve establishes the Task Force To Study the Creation of a Comprehensive Career and Technical Education System to examine the feasibility of establishing a comprehensive 4-year high school career and technical education program to provide a technical high school setting for middle school students to attend at the completion of the 8th grade.