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**Resolve, To Establish a Stakeholder Group To Review the Maine  
State Grant Program**

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Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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JOSEPH G. CARLETON, JR.  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator ALFOND of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative NELSON of Falmouth and  
Senators: BARTLETT of Cumberland, KATZ of Kennebec, Representatives: LUCHINI of  
Ellsworth, MAKER of Calais, McFADDEN of Dennysville, ROTUNDO of Lewiston,  
STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland, WEBSTER of Freeport.

1           **Sec. 1. Stakeholder group to review Maine State Grant Program.**

2           **Resolved:** That the Finance Authority of Maine, referred to in this resolve as "the  
3 authority," shall establish a stakeholder group, through a partnership with other  
4 appropriate entities, to work together to review the Maine State Grant Program,  
5 established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 11612 and referred to in  
6 this resolve as "the program"; and be it further

7           **Sec. 2. Participants. Resolved:** That the authority shall invite the following to  
8 participate in the stakeholder group:

- 9           1. The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's designee;
- 10          2. The Chancellor of the University of Maine System or the chancellor's designee;
- 11          3. The President of the Maine Community College System or the president's  
12 designee;
- 13          4. A representative of Maine's private higher education institutions;
- 14          5. A Maine college or university student;
- 15          6. A representative of the Maine Compact for Higher Education;
- 16          7. A representative of the Maine Association of Student Financial Aid  
17 Administrators;
- 18          8. A representative of the Senator George J. Mitchell Scholarship Research Institute;
- 19          9. A Legislator serving on the joint standing committee of the Legislature having  
20 jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs during the 125th Legislature; and
- 21          10. Other interested parties at the discretion of the authority; and be it further

22           **Sec. 3. Duties. Resolved:** That the review must include, but is not limited to, the  
23 following:

- 24           1. A review of the history and efficacy of the program and any necessary changes;
- 25           2. Ideas to enhance the program in light of current and future higher education trends  
26 and needs;
- 27           3. Options to increase funding for the program in the face of increased higher  
28 education costs and declining state funding; and
- 29           4. Current and future grant and financial aid needs of Maine students and families;  
30 and be it further

31           **Sec. 4. Report. Resolved:** That, by December 1, 2011, the authority shall submit  
32 a written report of the findings of the review under this resolve and any recommendations

1 resulting from the review to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having  
2 jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs.

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### **SUMMARY**

4 This resolve authorizes the Finance Authority of Maine to coordinate a review of the  
5 Maine State Grant Program that includes the participation of a stakeholder group of  
6 higher education policy makers, agencies, institutions, students and financial aid  
7 administrators in the State and report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature  
8 having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs by December 1, 2011.