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SENATE  
131ST LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 885, L.D. 2092, “An Act to Equalize Funding for the Maine Maritime Academy”

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

**'Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study the Funding of Public Higher Education'**

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

**'Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That the Commission to Study the Funding of Public Higher Education, referred to in this resolve as "the commission," is established.

**Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the commission consists of 15 members, including:

- 1. Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate, who serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, including one member of the party holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature and one member of the party holding the 2nd largest number of seats in the Legislature;
- 2. Three members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House, who serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, including 2 members of the party holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature and one member of the party holding the 2nd largest number of seats in the Legislature;
- 3. One member with expertise in higher education policy issues representing a statewide education policy research institute, appointed by the President of the Senate;
- 4. One member who is a representative of a union representing the faculty of the Maine Community College System, appointed by the President of the Senate;
- 5. One member representing the certification and higher education committee of the State Board of Education, appointed by the President of the Senate;

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1           6. One member who is a representative of a union representing the faculty of the  
2 University of Maine System, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

3           7. One member who is a representative of a union representing the faculty of the Maine  
4 Maritime Academy, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

5           8. One member who is currently enrolled as a student at a college or university in the  
6 State, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

7           9. The Chancellor of the University of Maine System or the chancellor's designee;

8           10. The President of the Maine Community College System or the president's  
9 designee;

10          11. The President of the Maine Maritime Academy or the president's designee; and

11          12. The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's designee.

12          In appointing members of the commission, the appointing authorities shall give  
13 consideration to race, gender, socioeconomic diversity and geographic diversity.

14          **Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the first-named Senate member is the Senate chair  
15 and the first-named House of Representatives member is the House chair of the  
16 commission.

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

25          **Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall review the methods and  
26 mechanisms by which public institutions of higher education in the State are funded and  
27 make recommendations for potential changes.

28          In conducting its review, the commission shall analyze present and past funding  
29 methods and mechanisms used in the State to determine the State's portion of funding for  
30 the University of Maine System, the Maine Community College System and the Maine  
31 Maritime Academy. The commission shall also explore funding mechanisms used by other  
32 states to fund public institutions of higher education.

33          To assist the commission in carrying out its review, the Department of Education, the  
34 University of Maine System, the Maine Community College System and the Maine  
35 Maritime Academy each shall provide to the commission any data and information the  
36 commission requests and considers relevant to its work.

37          At the discretion of the chairs, the commission may seek input from students, faculty  
38 and staff in the State's public institutions of higher education, groups that have an interest  
39 in the State's public institutions of higher education and other stakeholders.

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

