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**Resolve, To Reestablish the Task Force To Study the Creation of a
Comprehensive Career and Technical Education System**

(EMERGENCY)

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

1 **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

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

7 **Whereas,** the study must be initiated before the 90-day period expires in order that
8 the study may be completed and a report submitted in time for submission to the next
9 legislative session; and

10 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within
11 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as
12 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
13 therefore, be it

14 **Sec. 1. Task force established. Resolved:** That the Task Force To Study the
15 Creation of a Comprehensive Career and Technical Education System, referred to in this
16 resolve as "the task force," is established.

17 **Sec. 2. Task force membership. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding Joint Rule
18 353, the task force consists of 20 members as follows:

19 1. Six members appointed by the President of the Senate as follows:

20 A. Two members of the Senate, including one member from each of the 2 parties
21 holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature, one of whom is a member of the
22 Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs;

23 B. One member who is a current career and technical education high school
24 administrator;

25 C. One member who is on the State Board of Education;

26 D. One member who is a member of a skilled trades union or representative of a skilled
27 trades business or industry; and

28 E. One member who is a principal of a secondary school;

29 2. Six members appointed by the Speaker of the House as follows:

30 A. Two members of the House of Representatives, including one member from each
31 of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature, one of whom is
32 a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs;

33 B. One member who is a current career and technical education high school
34 administrator;

35 C. One member who is on the State Board of Education;

36 D. One member who is a member of a skilled trades union or representative of a skilled
37 trades business or industry; and

38 E. One member who is a superintendent of a school administrative unit;

39 3. Seven members appointed by the Governor as follows:

40 A. One member who is an administrator at a community college;

- 1 B. One member who is on a local board of education in a Maine community;
- 2 C. One member who is an officer of the Maine Education Association;
- 3 D. Three members who are members of a skilled trades union or representatives of a
- 4 skilled trades business or industry; and
- 5 E. One member who is an administrator at the University of Maine System; and
- 6 4. The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's designee.

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

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

17 **Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the task force shall:

18 1. Examine the feasibility of establishing a comprehensive 4-year high school career
19 and technical education program to provide a technical high school setting for middle
20 school students to attend at the completion of the 8th grade, including but not limited to the
21 advantages and disadvantages of a comprehensive 4-year high school career and technical
22 education model, obstacles to implementation of a comprehensive 4-year high school
23 career and technical education model and other models for comprehensive 4-year high
24 school career and technical education that exist around the State and on a national level;
25 and

26 2. Examine increasing crosswalks and intersections between technical and
27 occupational knowledge and curricula and academic standards in order to promote multiple
28 pathways for awarding content area credit to students enrolled in career and technical
29 education programs, including but not limited to building on prior and current work among
30 the Department of Education, superintendents of school administrative units and career and
31 technical education administrators.

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

35 **Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than December 1, 2021, the task force
36 shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested
37 legislation, for presentation to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

38 **Sec. 8. Outside funding. Resolved:** That the task force shall seek funding
39 contributions to fully fund the costs of the task force. All funding is subject to approval by
40 the Legislative Council in accordance with its policies. If sufficient contributions to fund
41 the task force have not been received within 30 days after the effective date of this resolve,
42 no meetings are authorized and no expenses of any kind may be incurred or reimbursed.

