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

‘Sec. 2 Working group membership. Resolved: That the working group consists of 13 members appointed as follows:

1. The following members appointed by the President of the Senate:

A. Two members of the Senate. When making the appointments, the President of the Senate shall give preference to members of each of the 2 major political parties and to members of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and to members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services;

B. One representative of the Maine Academy of Audiology;

C. One representative of the Department of Education, Child Development Services; and

D. One representative of the Warren Center for Communication and Learning; and

2. The following members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

A. Five members of the House of Representatives. When making the appointments, the Speaker of the House shall give preference to members of each of the 2 major political parties and to members of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and to members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services;

B. One representative of the Maine Speech-Language-Hearing Association;

C. The Director of Statewide Educational Services for the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing or the director’s designee; and

D. The Executive Director of hear ME now! or the director’s designee; and be it further’

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 9 and 10 and inserting the following:

‘Sec. 9 Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

LEGISLATURE

Study Commissions - Funding 0444

Initiative: Allocates funds for the per diem and expenses of the Working Group to Study the Effectiveness and Timeliness of Early Identification and Intervention for Children with Hearing Loss in Maine.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2007-08	2008-09
Personal Services	\$1,540	\$0
All Other	\$6,710	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$8,250	\$0

SUMMARY

This amendment changes the working group membership, decreasing it from 18 to 13, and strikes the language that allows for an extension to complete the study and the language that allows the working group to seek outside funding.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)