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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 193, L.D. 817, “Resolve, To Establish the COVID-19 Review Commission”

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

**Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the COVID-19 Review Commission, referred to in this resolve as "the commission," is established as follows.

**Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That the commission consists of 13 members appointed as follows:

- 1. Four members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, including 2 members from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;
- 2. Eight members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, including 4 members from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature; and
- 3. One member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House who is not a member of either of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature.

**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 commission.

**Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of commission. 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 commission. 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 commission to meet and conduct its business.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

1           **Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall review and collect  
2 information about the State's response to coronavirus disease 2019, referred to in this  
3 resolve as COVID-19, including:

4           1. State laws, rules and policies governing the State’s response, including executive  
5 orders;

6           2. Contracts entered into related to executing the Governor's emergency proclamation  
7 and related executive orders;

8           3. Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and  
9 Prevention response, including testing and use of contact tracers;

10          4. Policies and rules connected to COVID-19 implemented by state agencies;

11          5. Federal, state and local intergovernmental coordination;

12          6. Distribution of vaccines, including the use of public and private methods;

13          7. Availability of medical equipment and supplies, including personal protective  
14 equipment;

15          8. Interagency communication and information sharing;

16          9. Scope of the Governor's emergency powers, including review of emergency orders  
17 issued by the Governor, and accountability to other branches of government;

18          10. Response of hospitals, nursing homes and other congregate settings;

19          11. Economic relief policies;

20          12. Overall health and economic impact on communities, including racial and ethnic  
21 minority populations, of COVID-19 infections and deaths and the state mitigation  
22 response;

23          13. State and local government preparedness and response to executive orders related  
24 to the declared COVID-19 emergency;

25          14. The preparedness and response of the federally recognized Indian tribes, nations  
26 and bands located within the State to the declared COVID-19 emergency; and

27          15. Other matters related to the COVID-19 response as determined by the commission.

28           **Sec. 6. Reports. Resolved:** That, no later than December 6, 2021, the commission  
29 shall submit an interim report that includes its findings and recommendations, including  
30 suggested legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction  
31 over state and local government matters and that, no later than December 5, 2022, the  
32 commission shall submit a final report that includes its findings and recommendations,  
33 including suggested legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having  
34 jurisdiction over state and local government matters. The committee may report out a bill  
35 based on the interim report in the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

36           **Sec. 7. Federal funding. Resolved:** That the Legislative Council shall seek to  
37 fully fund the costs of the review under this resolve with funds from Federal Expenditures  
38 Fund - ARP State Fiscal Recovery and shall authorize the commission to meet and incur  
39 expenses only to the extent those funds are available.

