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

**'Resolve, Relating to the Wells-Ogunquit Community School District'**

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

**'Sec. 1 Negotiation. Resolved:** That the Town of Ogunquit and the Town of Wells or their representatives, referred to in this resolve as "the parties," shall negotiate in good faith in order to reach a settlement of the dispute between the parties regarding the formula for computing each town's assessment for the total expenses of the Wells-Ogunquit Community School District; and be it further

**Sec. 2 Report. Resolved:** That no later than December 5, 2007 the parties shall submit a report that includes their findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, regarding any necessary changes to the formula for apportionment of education costs of the Wells-Ogunquit Community School District for kindergarten to grade 12 to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs; and be it further

**Sec. 3 Legislation. Resolved:** That the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs may submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature to implement its recommendations on matters relating to the report submitted by the parties pursuant to section 2.'

## SUMMARY

This amendment is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. The amendment replaces the bill with a resolve and requires the Town of Ogunquit and the Town of Wells or their representatives to negotiate in good faith in order to reach a settlement of the dispute between the towns regarding the formula for computing each town's assessment for the total expenses of the Wells-Ogunquit Community School District. The amendment also requires that the towns present a report, including findings and recommendations regarding changes to the formula for apportionment of kindergarten-to-grade-12 education costs of the school district, to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs no later than December 5, 2007. Finally, the amendment provides that the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs may submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature regarding its recommendations on the report submitted by the towns to settle this dispute.