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

**'Resolve, Regarding the Department of Audit's  
Municipal Internal Control Observation Program'**

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

**'Sec. 1 Working group established. Resolved:** That the Department of Audit shall create a working group to clarify the requirements of the municipal internal control observation program, the contents and expectations of the program as publicized on the Department of Audit's website, whether the intent and focus of the program is on fraud or education and whether the program requires mandatory participation by municipalities. The working group must include representatives from the Maine Municipal Association, municipal officials and other interested parties; and be it further

**Sec. 2 Report. Resolved:** That the Department of Audit shall report the working group's conclusions under section 1 to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government no later than January 15, 2008. The joint standing committee may submit legislation on the municipal internal control observation program to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.'

**SUMMARY**

The amendment replaces the bill with a resolve. It requires the Department of Audit to convene a working group with municipal officials, the Maine Municipal Association and other interested parties to determine the requirements of the municipal internal control observation program, whether the program is mandatory, whether the program's focus is on fraud or education and whether the department website accurately describes the program. The Department of Audit shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government by January 15, 2008. The committee may submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.