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Resolve, To Improve Air Quality and Ventilation in Newly Constructed Schools

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Presented by Representative ARATA of New Gloucester.
Cosponsored by Senator BRADSTREET of Kennebec and
Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, CARLOW of Buxton, FOSTER of Dexter,
GATTINE of Westbrook, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, SARGENT of York, Senators:
LIBBY of Cumberland, RENY of Lincoln.

Sec. 1. Resolve 2021, c. 114, §1, amended. Resolved: That Resolve 2021, c. 114, §1 is amended to read:

Sec. 1. Department of Education to amend rules. Resolved: That the Department of Education shall amend its rules Chapter 60: New School Siting Approval, Chapter 61: State Board of Education Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects and Chapter 125: Basic Approval Standards: Public Schools and School Administrative Units to require standards governing air quality and ventilation for all newly constructed public schools, including schools with mechanical and nonmechanical ventilation systems. These standards must apply to all newly constructed public schools and must apply ~~no earlier than July 1, 2022~~ and no later than July 1, 2026. The rules adopted pursuant to this section are major substantive rules pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, and the department shall submit the provisionally adopted rules for final adoption to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs by January 4, ~~2022~~ 9, 2026.

SUMMARY

This resolve amends Resolve 2021, chapter 114, which required the Department of Education to amend its school construction and siting and basic approval standards rules to require standards governing air quality and ventilation for all public schools. Instead, this resolve requires the department to amend its rules to require those standards for only newly constructed public schools.