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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
132ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

SENATE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 719, L.D. 1097, “An Act to Provide De-escalation and Behavior Intervention Training for School Personnel”

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

'Resolve, to Require the Department of Education to Convene a Group to Develop Best Practices for De-escalation and Behavior Intervention'

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

'Sec. 1. Convening of group to develop best practices. Resolved: That the Department of Education shall convene teachers and other educators and experts in de-escalation and behavior intervention to develop best practices for training in the following topics:

1. Positive behavior interventions;
2. Communicative intent of behaviors;
3. Alternatives to restrictive procedures, including techniques to identify events and environmental factors that may escalate behavior;
4. De-escalation methods;
5. Standards for using restraint and seclusion procedures;
6. Obtaining emergency medical assistance;
7. The physiological and psychological effect of restraint and seclusion;
8. Monitoring and responding to a child's physical signs of distress;
9. The timely reporting and documenting of each incident involving the dangerous behavior of a student and the law governing dangerous behavior prevention and intervention under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 6555; and
10. Positive behavior strategies.

The department shall distribute the best practices for training in de-escalation and behavior intervention to all school administrative units in the State no later than September 1, 2026.'

SENATE AMENDMENT

1 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
2 number to read consecutively.

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve. The amendment removes the
5 requirement in the bill that all school administrative units provide training in de-escalation
6 and behavior intervention to each of its administrators, teachers and education technicians.
7 The amendment retains the requirement in the bill that the Department of Education
8 convene a group of teachers and experts in de-escalation and behavior intervention to
9 develop best practices for training to be distributed to all school administrative units.

10 **SPONSORED BY:** _____

11 **(Senator ROTUNDO, M.)**

12 **COUNTY: Androscoggin**