

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE

H.P. 719 - L.D. 1097

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

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.