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Resolve, To Improve Air Quality and Ventilation in Maine's Public Schools

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Presented by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth. Cosponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin and Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, SALISBURY of Westbrook, Senator: BRENNER of Cumberland.

1 Sec. 1. Department of Education to amend rules. Resolved: That the 2 Department of Education shall amend its rule Chapter 125: Basic Approval Standards: 3 Public Schools and School Administrative Units to require standards governing air quality 4 and ventilation for all public schools, including schools with mechanical and 5 nonmechanical ventilation systems. These standards must apply to all public schools and must apply no earlier than July 1, 2022 and no later than July 1, 2026. The rules adopted 6 7 pursuant to this section are major substantive rules pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, 8 Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, and the department shall submit the provisionally 9 adopted rules for final adoption to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural 10 Affairs by January 4, 2022.

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SUMMARY

12 This resolve directs the Department of Education to amend its rule Chapter 125: Basic 13 Approval Standards: Public Schools and School Administrative Units to require standards 14 governing air quality and ventilation for all schools, including schools with mechanical and 15 nonmechanical ventilation systems. It requires these standards to apply to all public 16 schools and to apply no earlier than July 1, 2022 and no later than July 1, 2026. It makes the rules adopted major substantive rules pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, 17 18 chapter 375, subchapter 2-A and requires the department to present the provisionally 19 adopted rules for final adoption to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural 20 Affairs by January 4, 2022.