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130TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 652, L.D. 896, “An Act Concerning Mental Health in Public Schools”

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

'Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Study Disciplinary Policies'

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

'Sec. 1. Department of Education to convene a stakeholder group on disciplinary policies. Resolved: That the Department of Education, referred to in this resolve as "the department," shall convene a stakeholder group to study the implementation of the recommendations issued in the report submitted to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs pursuant to Resolve 2019, chapter 31.

Sec. 2. Duties. Resolved: That the department, with the goal of reducing exclusionary discipline and prioritizing restorative disciplinary practices and in consultation with the stakeholder group convened pursuant to section 1, shall examine existing laws regarding disciplinary policies, including but not limited to harassment, discrimination and bullying, with the goal to repeal, replace and update relevant statutes in accordance with the recommendations contained in the report submitted to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs pursuant to Resolve 2019, chapter 31.

Sec. 3. Report. Resolved: That the department shall report its findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs no later than January 18, 2022. The department shall consult with the Department of Health and Human Services and the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations, established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 74-J, before submitting the final report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. The Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs may report out a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

