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Resolve, to Create a Pilot Program for Alternative Teacher Certification

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.

1 Sec. 1. Creation of pilot program for alternative teacher certification. 2 **Resolved:** That the Department of Education shall create a pilot program to provide alternative teacher certification that targets demographic groups that are underrepresented 3 in the education workforce or who hold unique expertise and experience. The pilot program 4 must allow potential educators to acquire and demonstrate the knowledge and skills that 5 are defined within nationally recognized standards for beginning educators. The program 6 must allow an individual who receives an alternative teacher certification to renew that 7 8 certification for a reasonable amount of time until the individual can achieve traditional certification. The department shall submit a report with findings and recommendations 10 concerning the program to the Legislature no later than December 6, 2023.

11 SUMMARY

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This resolve requires the Department of Education to create a pilot program for alternative teacher certification.