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

**'Resolve, To Examine Concepts and Competencies from Family and Consumer Science for Achieving Educational Goals'**

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1 Integration of family and consumer science. Resolved:** That prior to or during the course of the next review cycle of content standards and performance indicators required under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 6209, subsection 4, the Commissioner of Education shall invite one or more persons certified to teach family and consumer science to participate in a working group. The commissioner shall invite others to participate in the working group based on their interest in or expertise or familiarity with Maine's system of learning results. The purpose of the working group is to:

1. Examine concepts and competencies included in the National Standards for Family and Consumer Sciences Education developed by the National Association of State Administrators of Family and Consumer Sciences;
2. Determine the suitability of one or more of the national standards or variations on these standards for inclusion as performance indicators within one or more of the content areas comprising the system of learning results; and
3. Develop recommendations for the integration of family consumer science descriptors into the parameters for essential instruction.

Participation in the working group does not entitle a person to receive monetary compensation or reimbursement for expenses from the Department of Education; and be it further

**Sec. 2 Advise Commissioner of Education; report to Joint Standing Committee of Education and Cultural Affairs. Resolved:** That the working group shall advise to the commissioner of its recommendations. The commissioner shall report to the Joint Standing Committee of Education and Cultural Affairs by letter or in person no later than April 1, 2010 to provide the names of people invited to participate in the working group and a brief work plan and timeline for the group.'

## SUMMARY

This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. It revises the directive to the Department of Education in the resolve, removing the requirement that the department's rules be amended to include family and consumer sciences in the system of learning results. Instead it directs the Commissioner of Education to bring together a working group to develop recommendations for the inclusion of family and consumer science concepts as performance indicators within the system of learning results.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
**(See attached)**