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

**'Resolve, Directing the University of Maine System  
and the Maine Community College System To Propose  
Improvements to Veterans' Services on Their Campuses'**

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

**'Sec. 1 Identify potential inefficiencies and propose improvements to veterans' services. Resolved:** That the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System, for their respective campuses and in consultation with the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services, shall each:

1. Identify the needs of student-veterans and potential student-veterans attempting to achieve a postsecondary education to degree completion, including but not limited to their ability to gain admission to the University of Maine System or the Maine Community College System, successfully meet the requirements of a course of study, successfully transition to civilian life in a supportive educational environment, obtain available federal veterans' benefits and successfully meet personal and financial obligations;

2. Identify existing services specifically for student-veterans and other services available to student-veterans on each campus that meet the needs identified in subsection 1;

3. Assess the effectiveness in meeting the needs identified in subsection 1 of existing services specifically for student-veterans and other services available to student-veterans on each campus;

4. Determine what services are not currently being offered that, if offered, would meet the needs identified in subsection 1; and

5. Propose services and solutions that fulfill the needs identified in subsection 1 on each campus or across campuses that are based upon best practices in postsecondary educational institutions within the State and nationwide; and be it further

**Sec. 2 Report. Resolved:** That, by January 15, 2017, the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System shall each submit a report of its findings and proposals under section 1 to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs and veterans and legal affairs. Each joint standing committee is authorized to introduce a bill to the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature related to the subject matter of the reports.'

## SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve directing the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System to identify the needs of student-veterans on their campuses, including needs related to admission, degree completion, transitioning to civilian life and meeting personal and

financial obligations. This amendment further directs the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System to identify existing services that meet the needs identified, assess the effectiveness of those services, determine what services are not being offered that, if offered, would meet those needs and propose services and solutions that fulfill those needs across campuses that are based upon best practices. The University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System are directed to report their findings to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs and veterans and legal affairs.