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Resolve, to Provide Funds to the Maine Indian Education School District to Develop a Wabanaki-centered Curriculum

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Presented by Representative BRENNAN of Portland. Cosponsored by Representatives: DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, DODGE of Belfast, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, LOOKNER of Portland, MURPHY of Scarborough, SACHS of Freeport, SARGENT of York. 1 Sec. 1. Distribution of materials; report. Resolved: That the Department of 2 Education shall coordinate with the superintendent of the Maine Indian Education school 3 district to make available and disseminate to state-approved high schools throughout the 4 State, as appropriate, any Wabanaki-centered curriculum for Native American high school 5 students developed and implemented by the Maine Indian Education school district. The Maine Indian Education school district shall administer the pilot program. No later than 6 7 December 3, 2025, the department and the superintendent shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs on the dissemination of any curriculum under 8 9 this section and the use of funds pursuant to section 2.

10 Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following 11 appropriations and allocations are made.

### 12 EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

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#### 13 School Finance and Operations Z078

Initiative: Provides one-time funds to the Maine Indian Education school district to develop
and implement a Wabanaki-centered curriculum for Native American high school students.
The Maine Indian Education school district is required to administer the pilot program in
conjunction with state-approved high schools. The funds will be used for curriculum
development, staff, transportation and support services.

19	GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
20	All Other	\$100,000	\$100,000
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22	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$100,000	\$100,000

#### SUMMARY

This resolve provides \$100,000 for each year in the 2026-2027 biennium to the Maine Indian Education school district to develop and implement a Wabanaki-centered curriculum for Native American high school students. It requires the Maine Indian Education school district to administer a pilot program in coordination with state-approved high schools throughout the State. The funds will be used for curriculum development, staff, transportation and support services.

The resolve also directs the Department of Education to coordinate with the Maine Indian Education school district to make available and disseminate, as appropriate, any Wabanaki-centered curriculum for Native American high school students to state-approved schools throughout the State. It requires the department and the superintendent to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs on the dissemination of the curriculum and use of funds.