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Resolve, To Establish a Commission To Study the Roles and Rights of Grandparents in Raising Their Grandchildren

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative WARD of Dedham.

Cosponsored by Senator ROSEN of Hancock and

Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, HANLEY of Pittston, KINNEY of Knox, McELWEE of Caribou, STEARNS of Guilford, STEWART of Presque Isle, THERIAULT of China, TUELL of East Machias.

Sec. 1. Roles and rights of grandparents study commission. Resolved: That the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court shall convene a study commission consisting of representatives of appropriate state agencies and stakeholders. The study commission shall examine the increasing role of grandparents in raising their grandchildren and appropriate legal rights of grandparents in the care, custody and control of those grandchildren. The study commission shall develop recommendations regarding roles and rights of grandparents and shall submit its report and recommendations, with any necessary implementing legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary no later than December 6, 2017. After receipt and review of the report, the committee may submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature.

12 SUMMARY

This resolve requires the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court to convene a study commission to examine the increasing role of grandparents in raising their grandchildren and appropriate legal rights of grandparents in the care, custody and control of those grandchildren.