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**Resolve, To Conduct a Review of the Roles and Functions of the  
Department of Education and of Certain Mandates**

(EMERGENCY)

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Heather J.R. Priest'.

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Clerk

Presented by Representative GOODE of Bangor.  
Cosponsored by Senator FARNHAM of Penobscot.

1           **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not  
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

3           **Whereas,** this legislation establishes a stakeholder group to conduct a review of the  
4 roles and functions of the Department of Education; and

5           **Whereas,** the review must be initiated before the 90-day period expires in order that  
6 the review may be completed and a report submitted in time for submission to the next  
7 legislative session; and

8           **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within  
9 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as  
10 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,  
11 therefore, be it

12           **Sec. 1. Stakeholder group established. Resolved:** That the stakeholder group  
13 to conduct a review of the roles and functions of the Department of Education, referred to  
14 in this resolve as "the stakeholder group," is established; and be it further

15           **Sec. 2. Stakeholder group membership. Resolved:** That the stakeholder  
16 group consists of 13 members. The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's  
17 designee and the chair of the State Board of Education or the chair's designee are  
18 members of the stakeholder group. Other members of the stakeholder group are  
19 appointed as follows:

20           1. The President of the Senate shall appoint the following 3 members:

21           A. Two members of the Senate serving on the Joint Standing Committee on  
22 Education and Cultural Affairs, one from each of the 2 political parties having the  
23 greatest number of members in the Senate; and

24           B. One person representing the Maine Administrators of Services for Children with  
25 Disabilities; and

26           2. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint the following 8  
27 members:

28           A. Four members of the House of Representatives serving on the Joint Standing  
29 Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, 2 from each of the 2 political parties  
30 having the greatest number of members in the House;

31           B. One person representing the Maine School Superintendents Association;

32           C. One person representing the Maine School Boards Association;

33           D. One person representing the Maine Education Association; and

34           E. One person representing the Maine Principals' Association; and be it further

35           **Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the first-named Senate member is the Senate  
36 chair and the first-named House of Representatives member is the House chair of the  
37 stakeholder group; and be it further

