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Resolve, To Impose a 2-year Delay on the Use of Standardized Tests To Evaluate Teachers

(EMERGENCY)

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

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Presented by Representative McELWEE of Caribou. Cosponsored by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland and Representatives: CHENETTE of Saco, ESPLING of New Gloucester, FOWLE of Vassalboro, HANINGTON of Lincoln, KINNEY of Knox, KORNFIELD of Bangor, SIROCKI of Scarborough, WALLACE of Dexter.

- 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,** school administrative units are administering standardized tests before the 4 end of this school year; and
- 5 **Whereas,** it is unlikely that the 90-day period will end prior to the administration of 6 the standardized tests; and
- 7 Whereas, the provisions of this resolve effect how school administrators will use the
 8 results of the standardized tests to evaluate teachers; and

9 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within 10 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as 11 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, 12 therefore, be it

13 Sec. 1. School administrative units to delay use of Maine educational 14 assessment tests to evaluate educator effectiveness. Resolved: That school 15 administrative units may not use a Maine Educational Assessment for Mathematics and 16 English Language Arts/Literacy standardized test administered prior to the 2017-18 17 school year to evaluate educator effectiveness under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 18 20-A, section 13704, subsection 2.

19 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this
 20 legislation takes effect when approved.

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SUMMARY

This resolve prohibits school administrative units from using the Maine Educational
 Assessment for Mathematics and English Language Arts/Literacy standardized tests
 administered prior to the 2017-18 school year to measure educator effectiveness.