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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 546, L.D. 715, “Resolve, To Ensure That Maine Teachers and Paraprofessionals Who Work with Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders Are Highly Qualified”

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

'Resolve, To Ensure That Maine Teachers and Paraprofessionals Who Work with Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders Are Appropriately and Adequately Prepared'

Amend the resolve in the emergency preamble in the 3rd Whereas paragraph in the 2nd line (page 1, line 6 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "highly qualified" and inserting the following: 'appropriately and adequately prepared'

Amend the resolve in the emergency preamble in the 4th Whereas paragraph in the 2nd line (page 1, line 8 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "highly qualified" and inserting the following: 'appropriately and adequately prepared'

Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. The State Board of Education and the Department of Education to study teachers and paraprofessionals who work with children with autism spectrum disorders. Resolved: That the State Board of Education and the Department of Education shall conduct a study to ensure that teachers and paraprofessionals who work with children with autism spectrum disorders are appropriately and adequately prepared. The department shall convene a work group with broad stakeholder representation. The purpose of the work group is to analyze the qualifications of teachers and paraprofessionals who work with children with autism spectrum disorders and to make recommendations that will assist the department in ensuring that the teachers and paraprofessionals are appropriately and adequately prepared. The work group shall:

- 1. Examine and recommend the minimum level of competencies that regular educators, special educators and paraprofessionals need to provide educational services to students with autism spectrum disorders;

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

