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House of Representatives, January 29, 2021

**Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Study Truancy Trends in the State and Develop Recommendations for Increasing Student Attendance and Reducing Truancy**

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick.  
Cosponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York and  
Representatives: CROCKETT of Portland, DODGE of Belfast, McCREA of Fort Fairfield,  
MEYER of Eliot, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, ROCHE of Wells, SALISBURY of  
Westbrook, Senator: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

1         **Sec. 1. Department of Education truancy study. Resolved:** That the  
 2 Department of Education shall conduct a study on truancy trends in the State and develop  
 3 recommendations for supporting school administrative units in increasing student  
 4 attendance and reducing truancy. In conducting the study under this section, the  
 5 department shall seek input from the Maine School Management Association, the Maine  
 6 Principals' Association and the Maine Education Association.

7         **Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That, by January 4, 2022, the Department of Education  
 8 shall submit a report, including recommended legislation, based on its evaluation in section  
 9 1 to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. The Joint Standing  
 10 Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs is authorized to submit legislation related to  
 11 the report to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

12   **SUMMARY**

13         This resolve directs the Department of Education to conduct a study on truancy trends  
 14 in the State and develop recommendations for supporting school administrative units in  
 15 increasing student attendance and reducing truancy and to submit a report with suggested  
 16 legislation by January 4, 2022 to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural  
 17 Affairs, which may submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 130th  
 18 Legislature.