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House of Representatives, February 28, 2017

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.

1 Sec. 1. Roles and rights of grandparents study commission. Resolved: 2 That the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court shall convene a study commission 3 consisting of representatives of appropriate state agencies and stakeholders. The study 4 commission shall examine the increasing role of grandparents in raising their grandchildren and appropriate legal rights of grandparents in the care, custody and 5 control of those grandchildren. The study commission shall develop recommendations 6 regarding roles and rights of grandparents and shall submit its report and 7 recommendations, with any necessary implementing legislation, to the Joint Standing 8 Committee on Judiciary no later than December 6, 2017. After receipt and review of the 9 10 report, the committee may submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature. 11

## **SUMMARY**

13 This resolve requires the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court to convene a 14 study commission to examine the increasing role of grandparents in raising their 15 grandchildren and appropriate legal rights of grandparents in the care, custody and 16 control of those grandchildren.

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