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129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION-2020

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S.P. 782

In Senate, March 17, 2020

**Resolve, Requiring the Department of Education To Report on
Issues Relating to Bullying in Schools**

Reported by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland for the Joint Standing Committee on
Education and Cultural Affairs pursuant to Resolve 2019, chapter 44.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

1 **Sec. 1. Report. Resolved:** That the Department of Education shall report to the
2 joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters no
3 later than January 15, 2021 on issues relating to bullying in schools including data
4 collection of incidents of bullying, an update on the progress of any work groups or task
5 forces studying issues relating to bullying in schools, including, but not limited to, the
6 bullying law task force, the Children's Cabinet under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5,
7 chapter 439 and the trauma informed task force and any data applicable to the State from
8 the Minnesota bullying study. The department shall include in its report any findings,
9 recommendations and suggested legislation, including, but not limited to, issues relating
10 to data collection on incidents of bullying in schools. The joint standing committee of the
11 Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters may report out a bill on the subject
12 of the report to the First Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 The Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs unanimously voted
15 to report out this committee bill pursuant to Resolve 2019, chapter 44. This resolve
16 requires the Department of Education to report back to the joint standing committee of
17 the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters on issues relating to bullying in
18 schools and the progress of any work groups or task forces that are currently studying this
19 issue. The report must include any findings, recommendations and suggested legislation.
20 The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education
21 matters may report out a bill on the subject matter of the report to the First Regular
22 Session of the 130th Legislature.

23 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

24 **(See attached)**



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Fiscal Note for Original Bill
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Education to prepare the required report can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.