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CHAPTER 79
H.P. 903 - L.D. 1300

**Resolve, To Create a Working
Group on the Prevention,
Diagnosis and Treatment of
Concussive Head Injuries in
Student-athletes**

Sec. 1. Working group. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Education shall establish a working group on the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of concussive head injuries in student-athletes. The commissioner shall invite the participation in the working group of representatives from the Maine Principals' Association, the Maine School Superintendents Association, the Maine School Boards Association, the Maine School Management Association and the Acquired Brain Injury Advisory Council, the medical director of health services at Colby College, sports medicine practitioners, medical providers and school athletic directors and trainers and representatives of any other stakeholder group or interested party the commissioner considers appropriate; and be it further

Sec. 2. Duties. Resolved: That the working group established in section 1 shall develop recommendations on the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of concussive head injuries in student-athletes, including, but not limited to, avoiding concussive head injuries through education, baseline and post-concussion testing and diagnosis of student-athletes, return-to-play guidelines, training for school athletic directors and athletic trainers, the delivery of post-concussion management services to concussed athletes and ways in which to effectively integrate these education, training and diagnostic recommendations into school athletic programs; and be it further

Sec. 3. Report. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Education shall report the findings and recommendations of the working group established in section 1 to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs no later than March 1, 2010; and be it further

Sec. 4. Legislation. Resolved: That the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs may submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature on the issue of concussive head injuries in student-athletes following receipt of the report required in section 3.

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CHAPTER 80
H.P. 395 - L.D. 557

**Resolve, Directing the Study of
a Potato Variety
Demonstrating Resistance to
the Colorado Potato Beetle**

Sec. 1. Potato variety to be studied. Resolved: That the Maine Potato Breeding Program established at the University of Maine, referred to in this resolve as "the breeding program," shall determine the genetic integrity of the potato variety known as the "Shaw Potato." If the Director of the Maine Potato Breeding Program, referred to in this resolve as "the director," determines that the potato does not contain any proprietary material, the director shall work with the Maine Potato Board to develop a plan for the study of the Shaw Potato, its resistance to the Colorado potato beetle and its suitability for commercial production.

Before beginning the study, the director, in cooperation with the Maine State Grange, shall obtain the plant material to be studied and the written approval of the developer of the potato variety to proceed with the study; and be it further

Sec. 2. Funding. Resolved: That funding sources for the study include existing funds available to the breeding program from the Maine Potato Board, federal funding through the United States Department of Agriculture and grants; and be it further

Sec. 3. Report. Resolved: That the Maine Potato Board shall submit a copy of the study plan under section 1 and provide a progress report to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and to the Maine State Grange no later than December 15, 2009.

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CHAPTER 81
H.P. 719 - L.D. 1044

**Resolve, To Promote
Cogeneration of Energy at
Maine Sawmills**

Sec. 1. Stakeholder group. Resolved: That the Executive Department, Governor's Office of Energy Independence and Security shall convene a stakeholder group to examine and make recommendations regarding the concept of cogeneration energy zones, as described in section 2, to promote cogeneration at sawmills in the State. The office shall, at a minimum, invite representatives of the Public Utilities Commission, the Office of the Public Advocate, the