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Reference to the Committee on Education suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative FOSS of Yarmouth.

Cosponsored by Senator GILL of Cumberland, Representative CROWLEY of Stockton Springs and Representative SMALL of Bath.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINE

**Resolve, to Establish Statewide Secondary School Competency
Examinations.**



1 **Standardized competency examinations. Resolved:** That the
3 Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services shall undertake
a study of standardized competency examinations in order to
5 determine what standardized mathematics and English competency
examinations shall be used in secondary schools as graduation
7 requirements. The study and recommendations made in the
commissioner's report shall include the following:

9 1. A method to ensure that the same examinations are used
statewide;

11 2. The projected budget needs of the Department of
13 Educational and Cultural Services to ensure that the competency
examinations are fully funded by the State;

15 3. Guidelines for the use of the examinations, including
17 exceptions from the examination requirements for special
education and other students, as appropriate; and

19 4. A schedule for implementation of the competency
21 examinations to ensure mandatory statewide testing for the
1990-91 school year; and be it further

23 **Report. Resolved:** That the commissioner shall submit a
25 report, including any necessary implementing legislation, to the
114th Legislature by December 1, 1989.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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33 This resolve requires the Commissioner of Educational and
Cultural Services to determine what mathematics and English
35 competency examinations will be used as a requirement for high
school graduation on a statewide basis.