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House of Representatives, March 9, 1999

**Resolve, to Conduct and Report on a Comprehensive Needs Assessment
for Coordinated School Health Programs.**

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative RICHARD of Madison.
Cosponsored by Senator PARADIS of Aroostook and
Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, DESMOND of Mapleton, FULLER of Manchester,
KANE of Saco.

2 **Sec. 1. Coordinated school health programs. Resolved:** That the
3 Department of Education and the Department of Human Services,
4 referred to in this resolve as the "departments," in consultation
5 with the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and
6 Substance Abuse Services, the Department of Corrections and the
7 Department of Public Safety, shall design and conduct a
8 comprehensive needs assessment of state agency programs and
9 services that are in support of coordinated school health
10 programs. Programmatic components to be included in the
11 assessment are: nutrition; physical education; health education;
12 health services; counseling; psychological and social services;
13 school environment; health promotion for school staff; and family
14 and community involvement. The departments shall consult with
15 parents, educators, health care providers, university members and
16 state professional associations in support of the components of
coordinated school health programming.

18 **1. Needs assessment.** The department shall define a
19 framework for coordinated school health programming that best
20 supports Maine schools and communities. This framework must be
21 used to conduct the needs assessment. The needs assessment must
22 focus on state-level infrastructure that coordinated school
23 health programs depend upon for continuance and growth. The
24 needs assessment must focus specifically on these 4 elements of
the infrastructure:

- 26 A. Policy, authorization and funding;
- 28 B. Personnel and organizational placement;
- 30 C. Resources; and
- 32 D. Communications.

34 **2. Recommendations and report.** The needs assessment also
36 must:

- 38 A. Analyze state agency programs;
- 40 B. Identify issues for consideration in building or
42 improving infrastructure;
- 44 C. Identify, inventory and analyze data related to the
46 health status and health risk factors of children and
adolescents; and
- 48 D. Make recommendations.

50 By November 15, 2000 the departments shall submit a final report
identifying areas of infrastructure development or improvement

2 that support an efficient and effective system of programs and
3 services that support coordinated school health programs and any
4 necessary implementing legislation to the Joint Standing
5 Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and the Joint
6 Standing Committee on Health and Human Services; and be it further

7 **Sec. 2. Progress report meetings; Resolved:** That the
8 departments shall meet at a time that is the half-way point in
9 the needs assessment process with a 3-member subcommittee of the
10 Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and
11 the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services one
12 member each representing Education, Health and Human Services to
13 report on the progress of the departments in conducting the needs
14 assessment. The subcommittee shall meet only once; and be it
15 further

16 **Sec. 3. Reimbursement. Resolved:** That the legislative
17 subcommittee is entitled to receive, upon application to the
18 Executive Director of the Legislative Council, the legislative
19 per diem, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3,
20 section 2 and reimbursement for travel and other necessary
21 expenses for attendance at the progress report meetings.

24 SUMMARY

25 This resolve requires that the Department of Education and
26 the Department of Human Services conduct a comprehensive needs
27 assessment of state agency programs and services that are in
28 support of coordinated school health programs.
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