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House of Representatives, February 28, 2001

Resolve, to Establish a Political Education Program.

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

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative TRACY of Rome.

2 **Sec. 1. Department of Education to develop political education**
3 **program. Resolved:** That the Department of Education shall
4 develop a political education program. The purpose of the
5 political education program is to introduce the political system
6 of the State to students and the general public to enhance
7 understanding of how State Government works and affects our
8 surroundings; and be it further

9 **Sec. 2. Collaboration. Resolved:** That the Department of
10 Education shall collaborate with the University of Maine System,
11 the Legislature and other interested institutions and persons in
12 developing the political education program; and be it further

13 **Sec. 3. Structure. Resolved:** That the political education
14 program must be structured on the political education programs
15 sponsored by the National Assembly of Quebec and include classes,
16 mock legislative sessions, political forums and other activities
17 to educate elementary-level and secondary-level students and
18 provide internships for postsecondary-level students and
19 fellowships for postgraduate students on the functioning of State
20 Government. The program may also include other educational
21 activities for students and members of the general public; and be
22 it further

23 **Sec. 4. Report. Resolved:** That the Department of Education
24 shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature
25 having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs no later
26 than January 15, 2003 with recommended legislation to implement
27 the purposes of this resolve. The joint standing committee of
28 the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural
29 affairs may report out any legislation submitted by the
30 department pursuant to this resolve to the First Regular Session
31 of the 121st Legislature.

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SUMMARY

38 This resolve directs the Department of Education to develop
39 a political education program, based upon the education programs
40 sponsored by the National Assembly of Quebec, to introduce the
41 political system of the State to students and the general public
42 and to enhance their understanding of how State Government works
and affects our surroundings.