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# 122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 311

House of Representatives, January 27, 2005

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**Resolve, To Place a Moratorium on School Administrative Units'  
Local Assessment Systems**

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

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative NORTON of Bangor.  
Cosponsored by Senator SCHNEIDER of Penobscot and  
Representatives: CANAVAN of Waterville, CRAVEN of Lewiston, FARRINGTON of  
Gorham, FISCHER of Presque Isle, LANSLEY of Sabattus, MAKAS of Lewiston, MERRILL  
of Appleton, O'BRIEN of Lewiston.

**Sec. 1. Moratorium on implementation of local assessment systems.**

2 **Resolved:** That, notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title  
4 20-A, section 6202-A or any other law to the contrary, each  
6 school administrative unit must cease implementation and use of a  
8 local assessment system to measure student achievement of the  
learning results established in Title 20-A, section 6209 until  
legislative action by the 122nd Legislature pursuant to section 2  
occurs; and be it further

10 **Sec. 2. Review and report. Resolved:** That the Joint Standing  
12 Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs shall review the  
14 requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section  
16 6202-A and local assessment systems that have been put into  
18 operation by local school administrative units pursuant to that  
law. The committee shall report back by January 15, 2006 to the  
Second Regular Session of the 122nd Legislature with implementing  
legislation making necessary changes to the local assessment  
system requirements, including the improvement or elimination of  
those requirements.

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**SUMMARY**

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This resolve places a moratorium on the implementation and  
use of local assessment systems by school administrative units to  
26 measure student achievement of learning results until the Joint  
Standing Committee on Education and Cultural affairs studies  
28 relevant statutory law and local assessment systems and reports  
back to the Second Regular Session of the 122nd Legislature with  
30 improvements or elimination of local assessment system  
requirements.