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House of Representatives, February 15, 2005

Resolve, To Study Ways To Create More Teachers of Modern and Classical Languages

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative BOWLES of Sanford.
Cosponsored by Senator COURTNEY of York and
Representatives: CARR of Lincoln, CUMMINGS of Portland, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook,
EDGECOMB of Caribou, MOULTON of York, NASS of Acton, OTT of York, Senator:
BRENNAN of Cumberland.

2 **Sec. 1. Determination of need for teachers of modern and classical**
3 **languages. Resolved:** That the Department of Education shall
4 determine if there is a shortage of teachers in the areas of
5 modern and classical languages in public and private institutions
6 of learning in this State. If the department determines that
7 there is a shortage, the department shall determine whether any
8 shortage is the result of a lack of college students selecting
9 language as a field of study or the institutions' failure to
10 retain those teachers. The department shall determine what
11 methods, such as scholarships and grants, may be used to reduce
12 the shortage. The department shall report back to the Joint
13 Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs by January
14 15, 2006 with the department's determination and any necessary
15 implementing legislation. The Joint Standing Committee on
16 Education may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of
17 the 122nd Legislature implementing the recommendations of the
18 department.

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SUMMARY

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This resolve requires the Department of Education to determine whether there is a shortage of teachers of classical and modern languages in this State and, if a shortage exists, suggest ways to alleviate the shortage.