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**Resolve, To Evaluate Parenting Education and To Develop  
Parenting Resources in Maine High Schools**

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative WOODBURY of Yarmouth.  
Cosponsored by Senator BOWMAN of York and  
Representatives: Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, HARLOW of Portland, HINCK of  
Portland, MAKAS of Lewiston, NASS of Acton, NORTON of Bangor, STRANG BURGESS  
of Cumberland.

1       **Sec. 1. Convene working group. Resolved:** That the Department of Education  
2 shall convene a working group composed of educators, high school students, young  
3 parents and representatives from the Department of Health and Human Services to  
4 compile resources for parenting education, to evaluate the role of parenting education in  
5 Maine schools and to consider recommending the incorporation of parenting as an  
6 important life skill into the State's system of learning results. The working group shall  
7 consider issues relating to parenting education, including, but not limited to, the  
8 availability of educational resources regarding the nature and care of children, especially  
9 infants and toddlers; the intellectual, physical and emotional development of children;  
10 and patterns of growth; and be it further

11       **Sec. 2. Provision of parenting resources. Resolved:** That, based on the  
12 recommendations of the working group established pursuant to section 1, the Department  
13 of Education shall distribute to each high school library in the State a compilation of  
14 parenting resources designed to form the basis of a parenting resource center. The  
15 department shall also make the parenting resources available on the department's publicly  
16 accessible website.

17   **SUMMARY**

18       The purpose of this resolve is to make information on parenting skills more  
19 accessible to high school students interested in learning about parenting. This resolve  
20 directs the Department of Education to convene a working group to compile resources for  
21 parenting education and to consider recommending the incorporation of parenting as an  
22 important life skill into the State's system of learning results. The resolve also directs that  
23 the Department of Education provide parenting resources to all the high schools in the  
24 State.