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## 124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2009

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In Senate, March 25, 2009

Resolve, To Understand and Assist in Efforts To Promote Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Education

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SCHNEIDER of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative CLEARY of Houlton and

Senators: ALFOND of Cumberland, RECTOR of Knox, WESTON of Waldo, Representatives:

CASAVANT of Biddeford, JOHNSON of Greenville, McFADDEN of Dennysville, NELSON of Falmouth, RANKIN of Hiram, SUTHERLAND of Chapman.

This resolve directs the Department of Education to collect information on science, technology, engineering and math initiatives in consultation with public and private partnerships, businesses, pilot projects and nonprofit and other organizations that are already working with science, technology, engineering and math issues by November 1, 2009. The department shall focus on finding ways to inspire young people in prekindergarten to grade 12 to become interested in the science, technology, engineering and math areas of education; to find funding sources; to encourage students to enter into

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the fields of science, technology, engineering and math; to raise the level of education in science, technology, engineering and math areas; and to integrate the information that the department collects into current curricula to avoid additional work for all involved. The Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs may submit legislation based on the Department of Education's report to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature by February 1, 2010.

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