

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 348

House of Representatives, February 19, 2013

**Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Develop Safety  
Standards for School Access**

(EMERGENCY)

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

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative HARVELL of Farmington.  
Cosponsored by Representative AYOTTE of Caswell, Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin and  
Representatives: BENNETT of Kennebunk, CHASE of Wells, FREDETTE of Newport,  
McELWEE of Caribou, PARRY of Arundel, POULIOT of Augusta, SANDERSON of  
Chelsea, SIROCKI of Scarborough.

1 **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not  
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

3 **Whereas,** the safety and security of our school facilities, educators and students are  
4 a top priority in the State; and

5 **Whereas,** recently in another jurisdiction the safety and security of school facilities,  
6 educators and students were tragically compromised; and

7 **Whereas,** until outstanding safety and security issues are addressed, our school  
8 facilities, educators and students remain needlessly vulnerable; and

9 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within  
10 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as  
11 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,  
12 therefore, be it

13 **Sec. 1. Department of Education to develop safety standards for school**  
14 **access. Resolved:** That the Department of Education shall develop safety standards to  
15 make entryways in school buildings more secure, including, for new construction, the use  
16 of bullet-resistant glass and materials and safe rooms or enclosures for access points to  
17 school buildings and, for existing construction, the identification of ways to decrease the  
18 vulnerability of entryways and the reconfiguration of access points to school buildings;  
19 and be it further

20 **Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than January 1, 2014, the Department  
21 of Education shall submit a report that includes the safety standards required to be  
22 developed under section 1, including suggested legislation, and an estimate of the cost to  
23 implement these standards in new and old construction to the Joint Standing Committee  
24 on Education and Cultural Affairs. The Joint Standing Committee on Education and  
25 Cultural Affairs is authorized to introduce a bill related to the subject matter of the report  
26 to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

27 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this  
28 legislation takes effect when approved.

## 29 **SUMMARY**

30 This resolve directs the Department of Education to develop safety standards for  
31 entryways in existing and new school construction and report these standards to the Joint  
32 Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs by January 1, 2014.