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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
126TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 629, L.D. 905, "Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Develop School Building Security Plans"

Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Examine School Security'

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

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

Whereas, it is crucial to school safety to ensure the Department of Education has sufficient time to collect information and develop recommendations regarding school security by January 15, 2014; and

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

Sec. 1. Department of Education to examine school security. Resolved: That the Department of Education shall gather information from school administrative units regarding the preparedness of schools to implement required emergency management plans and the present condition of school facilities in terms of facility security in the event of an emergency. The department, based on the information collected and in consultation with appropriate security experts, shall evaluate school preparedness and facility security and shall develop recommendations for prudent measures that may be taken to improve preparedness and facility security. The department shall report its findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs by January 15, 2014. The department shall ensure that information collected or compiled relating to security plans, security procedures and risk assessments is protected from public disclosure in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 402, subsection 3, paragraph L and is

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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1 presented in its report in a manner that allows for assessment of deficiencies without
 2 revealing any information that could jeopardize the security of schools. The Joint
 3 Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs may report out a bill relating to
 4 the subject matter of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature;
 5 and be it further

6 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following
 7 appropriations and allocations are made.

8 **EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

9 **School Finance and Operations Z078**

10 Initiative: Provides one-time funds for the costs associated with contracting with security
 11 experts to evaluate school preparedness and facility security.

12	GENERAL FUND	2013-14	2014-15
13	All Other	\$49,750	\$0
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15	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$49,750</u>	<u>\$0</u>

16 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this
 17 legislation takes effect when approved.'

18 **SUMMARY**

19 This amendment changes the title and replaces the resolve. This amendment directs
 20 the Department of Education to gather information regarding the preparedness of schools
 21 to implement required emergency management plans and the present condition of school
 22 facilities in terms of facility security in the event of an emergency. The department, in
 23 consultation with security experts, is directed to evaluate school preparedness and facility
 24 security and develop recommendations for prudent measures that may be taken to
 25 improve preparedness and facility security. The department must report its findings and
 26 recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs by
 27 January 15, 2014, and the committee is authorized to report out a bill relating to the
 28 subject matter of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

29 This amendment also adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill,
 30 as well as an appropriations and allocations section.

31 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

32 **(See attached)**



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 905

LR 1689(02)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Develop School Building Security Plans

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment

A (H-227)

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$49,750	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$49,750	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$49,750 in fiscal year 2013-14 to the School Finance and Operations program within the Department of Education for the costs associated with contracting with security experts to evaluate school preparedness and facility security and make recommendations for measures that may be taken to improve security in schools. Of this amount, the Department of Education estimates that it will take a security consultant approximately 250 hours at a rate of \$125 per hour, or approximately \$31,250, to evaluate school preparedness and develop the required recommendations. The Department also estimates it will take an additional 100 hours at a rate of \$150 per hour, or approximately \$15,000, for an architect planner to evaluate building security and develop recommendations. Finally, the Department anticipates additional costs of \$3,500 related to mileage, printing and other miscellaneous expenses associated with conducting the evaluation.