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## 127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2015

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S.P. 434

In Senate, April 7, 2015

Resolve, To Create a Pilot Program To Conduct Screenings for Scotopic Sensitivity Syndrome

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

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin. Cosponsored by Representative SANDERSON of Chelsea. Sec. 1. Department of Education to develop a scotopic sensitivity syndrome screening pilot program. Resolved: That the Department of Education shall design and implement a scotopic sensitivity syndrome screening pilot program in 10 elementary schools to screen children in grades 3 to 6 for scotopic sensitivity syndrome, also know as Irlen syndrome, in order to successfully mainstream a portion of the schools' special education students. The pilot program must be conducted in the 2016-2017 school year and must involve screening children and providing corrective lenses, if appropriate; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That the Department of Education shall submit a report, including findings and recommendations, on the pilot program established under section 1 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters. The joint standing committee may report out a bill related to the report to the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature.

14 SUMMARY

 This resolve directs the Department of Education to design and implement a scotopic sensitivity syndrome screening pilot program in 10 elementary schools to screen children in grades 3 to 6 for scotopic sensitivity syndrome in the 2016-2017 school year and report its findings and results to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters. The joint standing committee may report out a bill related to the report to the 128th Legislature.