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In Senate, January 31, 2019

Resolve, To Establish a Maine State High School Diploma

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

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec. (BY REQUEST)

1 **Sec. 1. Department of Education, in consultation with the State Board of**
2 **Education, to establish a Maine state high school diploma. Resolved:** That the
3 Department of Education, in consultation with the State Board of Education, shall
4 develop a Maine state high school diploma designed to ensure consistency of academic
5 standards for high school graduates. The department shall define the criteria for the
6 Maine state high school diploma, which must include a statewide exam that is defined,
7 proctored and graded at the state level and overseen by the Department of Education
8 while still respecting the role and value of local control. The Maine state high school
9 diploma must be designed to be in addition to a high school diploma awarded by a
10 secondary school.

11 **Sec. 2. Reporting date established. Resolved:** That the Department of
12 Education shall report its findings and recommendations with respect to the Maine state
13 high school diploma developed pursuant to section 1, including recommended changes to
14 the law needed to implement the Maine state high school diploma, to the Joint Standing
15 Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs no later than January 15, 2020. After
16 receipt and review of the report, the joint standing committee may report out legislation
17 regarding the implementation of the Maine state high school diploma to the Second
18 Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

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SUMMARY

20 This resolve directs the Department of Education, in consultation with the State
21 Board of Education, to develop a Maine state high school diploma and report to the Joint
22 Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs on its findings and
23 recommendations no later than January 15, 2020.