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L.D. 858

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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
129TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 632, L.D. 858, "Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Study and Make Recommendations for the Establishment of a Maine School Safety Center"

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

'Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Study and Make Recommendations Relating to School Safety and Security'

Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Study establishment of a Maine School Safety Center. Resolved: That the Department of Education shall study and make recommendations relating to school safety and security, including, but not limited to, planning to mitigate the potential risks associated with opening school facilities to the public when a school is used as a polling place and the establishment of a Maine School Safety Center based on a report created by Safe Havens International pursuant to Resolve 2013, chapter 76, the top recommendation of which was the establishment of such a center, as detailed in the Safe Havens International report entitled "Excerpts from the School Security Reports Submitted to the Maine Department of Education January, 2014." The department shall submit a preliminary report regarding the study with initial findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs by December 15, 2019 and shall submit a final report, including its recommendations relating to school safety and security and any suggested legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters by December 15, 2020. The joint standing committee may submit a bill to the First Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

Amend the resolve by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.'

SUMMARY

This amendment clarifies that the Department of Education is required to study and make recommendations relating to school safety and security, including, but not limited

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1 to, planning to mitigate the potential risks associated with opening school facilities to the
2 public when a school is used as a polling place and the establishment of a Maine School
3 Safety Center. The amendment requires the department to submit a preliminary report to
4 the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs by December 15, 2019
5 and a final report by December 15, 2020. The amendment authorizes the joint standing
6 committee to submit a bill to the First Regular Session of the 130th Legislature instead of
7 the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature as proposed in the bill.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 858

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Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Study and Make Recommendations for the Establishment of a Maine School Safety Center

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A(H-128)*
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Education to conduct the required study and submit the required report can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.