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# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 732

House of Representatives, March 14, 2023

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**Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Conduct a Study  
on the Equity of the State Education Subsidy Formula**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative GEIGER of Rockland.  
Cosponsored by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox and  
Representative: MATLACK of St. George.

1           **Sec. 1. Department of Education to conduct study on equity of state**  
2 **education subsidy formula. Resolved:** That the Department of Education shall  
3 contract with a 3rd party to conduct a study on the equity of the state education subsidy  
4 formula used to determine the size of the state subsidy for municipalities and the way the  
5 state subsidy funds capital projects. The department may use its own funding or seek other  
6 funding to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

7           **Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That, by December 6, 2023, the Department of  
8 Education shall report the results of the study conducted under section 1 and its  
9 recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on  
10 Education and Cultural Affairs. The joint standing committee may report out legislation  
11 based upon the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

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**SUMMARY**

This resolve directs the Department of Education to contract with a 3rd party to conduct a study on the equity of the state education subsidy formula used to determine the size of the state subsidy for municipalities and the way the state subsidy funds capital projects.