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House of Representatives, March 21, 2023

Resolve, to Study Expansion of Civics Education and Engagement Through the Secretary of State

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative RIELLY of Westbrook.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, DHALAC of South Portland, FAY of Raymond, Senator: VITELLI of Sagadahoc.

Sec. 1. Secretary of State to study appointment of deputy secretary of state to coordinate civics engagement and education. Resolved: That the Secretary of State shall study the efficacy, feasibility and benefits of appointing a deputy secretary of state to coordinate civics engagement and education matters and of moving staffing and administrative services for the Maine Commission for Community Service, established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 7501, from the Department of Education to the office of the Secretary of State. By December 6, 2023, the Secretary of State shall submit a report, including recommendations and any suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government. The committee may report out a bill relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

11 SUMMARY

This resolve requires the Secretary of State to study the efficacy, feasibility and benefits of appointing a deputy secretary of state to coordinate civics engagement and education matters and of moving staffing and administrative services for the Maine Commission for Community Service from the Department of Education to the office of the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State must submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government, and the committee may report out a bill relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.