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**Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Review and
Assess Existing Educational Mandates**

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Sec. 1. Department of Education to study educational mandates. Resolved:
That the Department of Education shall study current educational mandates imposed by the State and the process by which educational mandates are established.

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That, no later than January 1, 2022, the Department of Education shall submit a report based on the study under section 1 and any recommended legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. The report must include, but is not limited to:

1. A full list of all educational mandates. For each educational mandate, the report must identify:
 - A. The ages of the students the educational mandate affects;
 - B. The broad academic subject area that the educational mandate affects; and
 - C. An estimate of the required time and cost to implement each educational mandate;
2. Identification of and recommendations for continuance of educational mandates that are appropriate and effective and educational mandates that are onerous, outdated or otherwise ineffective;
3. Recommendations for improving the process of establishing educational mandates to ensure that new educational mandates are appropriate, necessary and achievable within school resources; and
4. Any other findings the Department of Education determines relevant.

The Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs may submit legislation on the subject of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Department of Education to review all current educational mandates imposed by the State and the process by which educational mandates are established and requires the Department of Education to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, no later than January 1, 2022, with a list of all educational mandates and recommendations on educational mandates and improvements for the process by which educational mandates are established. The Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs may submit legislation on the subject of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.