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In Senate, April 7, 2015

**Resolve, To Create a Pilot Program To Conduct Screenings for
Scotopic Sensitivity Syndrome**

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

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HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative SANDERSON of Chelsea.

1 **Sec. 1. Department of Education to develop a scotopic sensitivity**
2 **syndrome screening pilot program. Resolved:** That the Department of Education
3 shall design and implement a scotopic sensitivity syndrome screening pilot program in 10
4 elementary schools to screen children in grades 3 to 6 for scotopic sensitivity syndrome,
5 also know as Irlen syndrome, in order to successfully mainstream a portion of the
6 schools' special education students. The pilot program must be conducted in the 2016-
7 2017 school year and must involve screening children and providing corrective lenses, if
8 appropriate; and be it further

9 **Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That the Department of Education shall submit a
10 report, including findings and recommendations, on the pilot program established under
11 section 1 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over
12 education matters. The joint standing committee may report out a bill related to the
13 report to the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This resolve directs the Department of Education to design and implement a scotopic
16 sensitivity syndrome screening pilot program in 10 elementary schools to screen children
17 in grades 3 to 6 for scotopic sensitivity syndrome in the 2016-2017 school year and report
18 its findings and results to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having
19 jurisdiction over education matters. The joint standing committee may report out a bill
20 related to the report to the 128th Legislature.