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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 321, L.D. 403, Bill, “An Act To Require That School Administrative Units Establish a Mission Statement for Each of the Public Schools Operated by the School Administrative Unit”

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

**'Resolve, To Encourage School Administrative Units To Adopt a Mission Statement for Each of the Public Schools Operated by the School Administrative Unit'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. Mission statement. Resolved:** That the Department of Education shall encourage each school administrative unit to adopt a mission statement for each school under its jurisdiction and shall encourage each school board to solicit input from teachers, administrators, parents, students and community members in the development and adoption of a mission statement. This resolve does not apply to a school administrative unit that has already adopted mission statements for each of the schools under its jurisdiction; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Technical assistance. Resolved:** That, upon the request of a school board, the Department of Education shall provide technical assistance to the school administrative unit in the development of mission statements as set forth under section 1; and be it further

**Sec. 3. Review. Resolved:** That, by June 15, 2014, the Department of Education shall conduct a review of the adoption of mission statements by school administrative units; and be it further

**Sec. 4. Report. Resolved:** That, by September 1, 2014, the Department of Education shall submit a written report of the findings of the review under this resolve, including any recommendations resulting from the review, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs.'

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**SUMMARY**

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve to encourage each school administrative unit to adopt a mission statement for every school under its jurisdiction. In developing and adopting a mission statement, school boards are encouraged to solicit input from teachers, administrators, parents, students and community members. The amendment directs the Department of Education to provide technical assistance to school administrative units in developing mission statements for the schools under their jurisdiction. The amendment also directs the Department of Education to review the adoption of mission statements by school administrative units under this resolve and to submit a written report with recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs by September 1, 2014.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

**(See attached)**