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126TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 729, L.D. 1819, “Resolve, To Create the Task Force To End Student Hunger in Maine”

Amend the resolve by striking out all of the preamble (page 1, lines 1 to 11 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

**Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** Maine has a moral obligation to care for its most vulnerable citizens; and

**Whereas,** Maine ranks first in New England in food insecurity; and

**Whereas,** in past years, Maine has underutilized up to \$30,000,000 of federal funding that could have been used to provide meals to hungry students; and

**Whereas,** food insecurity has proven to have a negative impact on student health and learning; and

**Whereas,** the United States Department of Agriculture recently announced a nationwide expansion of its program known as the Community Eligibility Provision, which increases access to breakfast and lunch for all students in low-income areas; and

**Whereas,** the Task Force To End Student Hunger in Maine must be initiated before the 90-day period expires so that the study may be completed and a report submitted in time for submission to the next legislative session; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it'

Amend the resolve in section 8 in the last line (page 2 line 31 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "." and inserting the following: '; and be it further'

Amend the resolve by inserting after section 8 the following:

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

