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**Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Develop a Model School
Disciplinary Policy**

Sec. 1. Model school disciplinary policy. Resolved: That the Department of Education shall develop a model school disciplinary policy to effectuate the policies in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 1001, subsection 15-A, including, but not limited to, policies that focus on positive and restorative interventions designed to strengthen relationships, improve the connection to school and promote a strong sense of accountability. The model policy must also promote interventions designed to close economic, disability-related, gender and racial gaps. The department shall provide assistance to school administrators, superintendents and school boards to implement the model school disciplinary policy.

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That the Department of Education, in developing a model school disciplinary policy under section 1, shall review existing law regarding disciplinary policies, including but not limited to policies on bullying and cyberbullying, and report back to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs on any recommended legislation no later than January 15, 2020. The Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature to implement the recommendations on school disciplinary policies.