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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 295, L.D. 949, Bill, “An Act To Update Maine's High School Graduation Requirements”

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

'Resolve, To Require the Department of Education To Submit a Plan for the Implementation of Standards-based Education'

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

'Sec. 1. Plan to implement standards-based education. Resolved: That the Department of Education shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs by December 1, 2011 consisting of:

- 1. Draft legislation to require that, in order to graduate from high school after January 1, 2016, a student must:
 - A. Demonstrate proficiency in meeting state standards in all 8 content areas of the system of learning results established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 6209;
 - B. Demonstrate proficiency in each of the 5 guiding principles outlined in the Department of Education Rule Chapter 132, Learning Results: Parameters for Essential Instruction; and
 - C. Meet other locally developed requirements to graduate from high school not inconsistent with state requirements.

The legislation must also include any changes necessary to conform current state law to the needs of schools engaged in standards-based education, including allowing students to graduate from high school in more or fewer than 4 years;

- 2. An outline of rules or additional guidance that the department may propose to more fully develop the requirements for awarding a high school diploma, including guidance regarding how schools are to track and report student mastery of standards and how schools are to ensure the validity of student assessments; and

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

