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**STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
126TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 390, L.D. 1129, Bill, “An Act To Promote Innovation in Public Schools”

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

**'Resolve, To Promote Innovation in Public Schools'**

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

**Preamble.** **Whereas,** standards-based learning ensures that Maine students are responsible and can demonstrate their learning; and

**Whereas,** Democrats and Republicans have worked together to change how students approach their education and become successful in the new global economy; and

**Whereas,** several other states are using standards-based learning and deeper learning models that promise greater opportunities for students and promote economic prosperity; and

**Whereas,** a statewide conference to showcase deeper learning models and innovation occurring in our school systems will have a profound and positive impact on students, learning and the Maine economy; and

**Whereas,** the Department of Education has worked with outside organizations to build a technical support system to implement standards-based learning that will aid school districts across the State and has dedicated \$2,000,000 for the implementation of standards-based learning; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Deeper learning models. Resolved:** That, by October 3, 2013, the Department of Education shall post on its publicly accessible website examples of deeper learning educational models and resources that can enable school administrative units to transition to a standards-based system of education that includes proficiency-based standards for awarding a high school diploma. The deeper learning models posted on the department's website must exemplify best practices in the State's schools, as well as schools in other states and jurisdictions, that represent effective strategies implemented

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1 by educators to convey the skills, knowledge and competencies that students need to  
2 succeed in the 21st century, including the ability to master academic content, think  
3 critically and solve complex problems, work collaboratively, communicate effectively  
4 and learn how to learn; and be it further

5 **Sec. 2. Statewide conference. Resolved:** That the Department of Education  
6 shall lead a statewide conference held no later than June 20, 2014, and annually thereafter  
7 until 2018, where deeper learning organizations can showcase their learning models. The  
8 department shall use the conference to encourage school districts to work with the  
9 department to showcase their innovations and strategies. The department and supporting  
10 organizations and teacher preparation programs shall share strategies on how to transition  
11 and implement standards-based learning to include experiential learning, Asia Society's  
12 Partnership for Global Learning, customized learning, expanded educational  
13 opportunities and any other standards-based models; and be it further

14 **Sec. 3. Teleconferences. Resolved:** That the Department of Education shall  
15 create a series of teleconferences to be held between October 20, 2013 and June 20, 2014,  
16 and annually thereafter until 2018, to support standards-based learning strategies,  
17 promote implementation of standards-based learning models and provide resources to  
18 public schools across the State.'

19 **SUMMARY**

20 This amendment strikes and replaces the bill with a resolve that provides for the  
21 implementation of standards-based learning models across the State as a means to  
22 significantly improve the success rate of Maine students and to foster education  
23 opportunities and growth. The amendment directs the Department of Education to  
24 establish a website to post exemplary models and best practices of deeper learning  
25 educational models and resources that can enable school administrative units to transition  
26 to a standards-based system of education that includes proficiency-based standards for  
27 awarding a high school diploma. In addition, the Department of Education is required to  
28 hold a statewide conference no later than June 20, 2014 as a means of educating the entire  
29 State about standards-based or deeper learning models, as well as a series of  
30 teleconferences between October 20, 2013 and June 20, 2014 that will provide support  
31 for school systems throughout the State as they implement standards-based learning or  
32 deeper learning models.

33 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

34 (See attached)