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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 9, L.D. 45, “An Act Allowing the Department of Corrections to Offset Some of the Costs of Technology Provided to Residents of Correctional Facilities”

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 2. 34-A MRSA §1403, sub-§14** is enacted to read:

**14. Technology fee.** The commissioner may establish a reasonable fee, as provided in this subsection, for the use of technology, including, but not limited to, computers, laptop computers and external storage devices, that is provided to residents of correctional facilities in connection with educational or vocational programs, remote work or other purposes. For each calendar month in which the technology is used by a resident, as defined in section 3015, subsection 1, paragraph B, the fee charged may not exceed 7% of the resident's earnings during the month after any deductions for court-ordered or statutory obligations, including, but not limited to, child support, court filing fees, victim restitution, fines, facility restitution, facility monetary sanctions, medical and dental services fees and room and board, or \$35, whichever is less. The commissioner may not charge a fee under this subsection for:

A. Technology that is provided to a resident for the purpose of research related to a criminal case or civil lawsuit in which the resident is involved; or

B. Technology that is provided to a resident who has earnings of less than \$100 during the calendar month after any deductions that are provided for in this subsection.

Money received by the resident and directly deposited into a telephone call account established by the department under section 3039, subsection 4 for the sole purpose of paying for use of the department's client telephone system is not subject to this subsection. Money received by the resident as a credit improvement loan in accordance with section 3039, subsection 6 is not subject to this subsection.

A correctional facility shall collect any fees received under this subsection and deposit them into the Resident Technology Fund established in section 1220.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

