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### **Resolve, To Increase Broadband Access in Private Nonmedical Institutions**

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, STOVER of Boothbay, Senators:  
DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington, VITELLI of Sagadahoc.

1           **Sec. 1. Broadband access. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human  
2 Services shall work with providers of all levels of private nonmedical institution services  
3 to determine ways of providing no-cost broadband access to residents for medical,  
4 educational and recreational purposes through changes in MaineCare and grant-funded  
5 contracts. The department shall submit a report, including suggested legislation, to the  
6 Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by December 1, 2021. The  
7 committee may submit a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the  
8 130th Legislature.

9   **SUMMARY**

10           This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to work with  
11 providers of all levels of private nonmedical institution services to determine ways of  
12 providing no-cost broadband access to residents for medical, educational and recreational  
13 purposes through changes in MaineCare and grant-funded contracts. The department is  
14 required to submit a report, including suggested legislation, by December 1, 2021 to the  
15 Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services, which may submit a bill related  
16 to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.