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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
131ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 847, L.D. 1333, “An Act to Protect Children by Modernizing Internet and Digital Media Filtering Requirements for Education”

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

'Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Report on School Internet and Student Data Collection Best Practices'

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

'Sec. 1. Department of Education to report on school Internet and student data collection best practices. Resolved: That, no later than January 15, 2024, the Department of Education shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs on school Internet and student data collection policies and efforts to ensure that the State is using best practices, including but not limited to ensuring that schools are using appropriate Internet and digital media filtering hardware and software, that student data and information are not being divulged to Internet-based applications or search engines such as Google or other similar products and that monitoring or other tracking software and data are not being used or collected from devices used by or provided to students. The report must include findings on best practices and recommendations, including suggested legislation, on ensuring schools are using these best practices. The Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs may report out a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF
Learning Systems Team Z081**

Initiative: Provides one-time funds for the costs associated with preparing a report on school Internet and student data collection best practices.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1	All Other	\$5,000	\$0
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3	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$5,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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5 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
6 number to read consecutively.

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SUMMARY

8 This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve directing the Department of Education
9 to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, no later than
10 January 15, 2024, on school Internet and student data collection policies and efforts to
11 ensure that the State is using best practices, including but not limited to ensuring that
12 schools are using appropriate Internet and digital media filtering hardware and software,
13 that student data and information are not being divulged to Internet-based applications or
14 search engines such as Google or other similar products and that monitoring or other
15 tracking software or data are not being used or collected from devices used by or provided
16 to students.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)