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SENATE AMENDMENT “ ” to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A” to S.P. 540, L.D. 1679, “An Act To Address Student Hunger through Expanding Access to Free School Meals”

Amend the amendment by inserting after the title the following:

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

**'An Act Regarding Expanding Access to Free School Meals' '**

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

'Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §6601-A**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 212, §1, is further amended to read:

**§6601-A. Free or reduced-price school meals; Internet-based school meal applications**

The department shall contract for the development and implementation of an Internet-based application for free or reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch Program under 7 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 210 and the School Breakfast Program under 7 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 220. The department shall make available to public schools the Internet-based application for free or reduced-price meals developed under this section on the department's publicly accessible website. The department shall make the Internet-based application in an understandable and uniform format and, to the maximum extent practicable, in a language that parents and legal guardians can understand. A public school may make the Internet-based application available for school meal applications on the public school's publicly accessible website. All public schools shall continue to distribute paper applications for school meals to all students. A public school is solely responsible for processing that school's online applications. Data submitted through the Internet-based application may not be visible to the department and must be transmitted directly to the applicable public school. All public schools shall accept data submitted through the Internet-based application.

**SENATE AMENDMENT**

