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An Act To Protect Children from Indecent Material on the Internet

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative DUPREY of Hampden.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, BERRY of Belmont, CRESSEY of Baldwin, DAVIS of Falmouth, GLYNN of South Portland, HEIDRICH of Oxford, TOBIN of Dexter, Senator: GILMAN of Cumberland.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

4 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4010** is enacted to read:

6 **§4010. Pornography restrictions**

8 An elementary or secondary school in the State may not allow
10 a person under 18 years of age to access obscene, pornographic or
12 other material that may be harmful to a person under 18 years of
14 age through the use of a computer or computer server of that
16 school.

18 **Sec. 2. Rules.** The Department of Education shall adopt rules
20 to carry out the purposes of this Act. Rules adopted pursuant
22 to this section are major substantive rules as defined in the
24 Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

26 **SUMMARY**

28 This bill prohibits an elementary or secondary school from
30 allowing a person under 18 years of age to access obscene or
32 pornographic materials through the use of that school's
34 computer. This bill directs the Department of Education to adopt
36 rules to implement this bill.