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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to S.P. 206, L.D. 675, Bill, "An Act To Establish Multidistrict Online Classes in Maine"

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

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'Resolve, To Create a Working Group To Study Multidistrict Online Learning Options in Maine'

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

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'Sec. 1. Department of Education to create working group. Resolved:

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That the Department of Education shall create a working group to study the opportunities and challenges presented by establishing multidistrict online learning options for students enrolled in kindergarten to grade 12 public schools in the State. The working group shall evaluate the implementation of existing online learning programs in the State and in other jurisdictions, including programs featuring a blended learning approach that combines face-to-face classroom methods with computer-mediated activities to form an integrated instructional approach. The working group shall also consider online learning options that are learner-centered, that focus on content that is consistent with state learning standards under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 6209 and that provide equitable educational opportunity for all students; and be it further

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Sec. 2. Working group; report. Resolved: That the working group under section 1 must include teachers, administrators, parents, information technology specialists and other persons, groups or entities that have an interest in online learning. The Commissioner of Education shall invite to serve as members of the working group representatives of the following educational associations who are appointed by their respective associations:

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1. The Maine Education Association;

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2. The Maine Principals' Association;

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3. The Maine School Boards Association;



Approved: 01/27/12 *MAC*

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An Act To Establish Multidistrict Online Classes in Maine

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" S-375

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Education associated with conducting the required study and submitting the required report can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.