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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
132ND LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1376, L.D. 2052, "Resolve, to Study the Use of Technology in Classrooms and Study Safeguards Related to Its Use"

Amend the resolve in the emergency preamble in the 2nd paragraph in the 2nd line (page 1, line 4 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "units" the following: ', schools in the unorganized territory and private schools approved for the receipt of public funds under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapter 117, subchapter 2 that enroll 60% or more publicly funded students'

Amend the resolve in section 1 in the 3rd line (page 1, line 18 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "units" the following: ', schools in the unorganized territory and private schools approved for the receipt of public funds under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapter 117, subchapter 2 that enroll 60% or more publicly funded students'

Amend the resolve in section 2 in subsection 5 in the first line (page 1, line 41 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "administrative unit"

Amend the resolve in section 3 in the last line (page 2, line 10 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "experts." the following: 'The guidance must include, but is not limited to, a review of neuropsychological and developmental studies, comparative academic performance data and behavioral and environmental observations that provide insight on the impact of digital consumption on cognitive development. The institute shall share this guidance with its steering committee to facilitate distribution to its stakeholders.'

Amend the resolve by inserting after section 4 the following:

Sec. 5. Funding. Resolved: That funding for the requirements of this resolve must be incorporated into the Maine Education Policy Research Institute's fiscal year 2026-27 cooperative project agreement with the Legislature.'

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

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SUMMARY

This amendment specifies that the Maine Education Policy Research Institute must survey, in addition to school administrative units, schools in the unorganized territory and private schools approved for the receipt of public funds that enroll 60% or more publicly funded students. The amendment specifies that guidance collected by the institute must include, but is not limited to, a review of neuropsychological and developmental studies, comparative academic performance data and behavioral and environmental observations that provide insight on the impact of digital consumption on cognitive development. The institute must also share this guidance with its steering committee. The amendment also stipulates that funding for the requirements of the resolve must be incorporated into the institute's fiscal year 2026-27 cooperative project agreement.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



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Resolve, to Study the Use of Technology in Classrooms and Study Safeguards Related to Its Use

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-841)
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Study to be completed within budgeted resources

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This resolve directs the Maine Education Policy Research Institute (MEPRI) to develop a survey to gather and analyze information from school administrative units regarding the use of technology in the classroom and to submit a report to the Joint Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs on its analysis and recommendations for the Department of Education by December 1, 2026. The Legislature contracts with the University of Maine System to maintain MEPRI and ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$250,000 per year are included in the Federal Programs Team program account within the Department of Education to support the work of MEPRI. These appropriations can support approximately three projects of the same size and scope as the work directed by this resolve. The resolve provides that funding for the requirements of the resolve must be incorporated into MEPRI's Cooperative Project Agreement with the Legislature for fiscal year 2026-27.