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HOUSE AMENDMENT “ ” to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A” to H.P. 1516,
L.D. 2034, “An Act To Correct Inconsistencies, Conflicts and Errors in the Laws of Maine”

Amend the amendment by inserting after Part D the following:

'PART E

Sec. E-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 department's Internet-based application.

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

SUMMARY

Current law requires the Department of Education to develop and implement an Internet-based application for free or reduced-price meals and to make the application available to schools.

1 This amendment requires schools to accept data in applications submitted through the
2 department's Internet-based application for free or reduced-price meals. This language was
3 omitted from the committee amendment to L.D. 961 that was adopted in Public Law 2021,
4 chapter 212 in June 2021.

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