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Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Develop and Implement an Online Learning Platform for Students and Educators

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

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Presented by Representative BRENNAN of Portland. Cosponsored by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland and Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, FARNSWORTH of Portland, FECTEAU of Biddeford, JORGENSEN of Portland, KORNFIELD of Bangor, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

1 Sec. 1. Online learning platform. **Resolved:** That the Department of 2 Education shall establish a working group to develop and implement an online platform to facilitate the provision of online, virtual instruction by state-certified teachers to 3 students in every public school in the State and the provision of a variety of high-quality 4 professional development opportunities to educators across the State. The Department of 5 Education shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs 6 by January 1, 2020 on the progress toward and obstacles to the development and 7 implementation of the online platform. The joint standing committee may report out a 8 bill to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature to address any obstacles to the 9 development and implementation of the online platform and any other concerns. 10

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## SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Department of Education to develop and implement an online 12 platform to facilitate the provision of online, virtual instruction by state-certified teachers 13 to students in every public school in the State and the provision of a variety of high-14 quality professional development opportunities to educators across the State. It directs 15 the department to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural 16 Affairs by January 1, 2020 on the progress toward and obstacles to the development and 17 implementation of the online platform. The joint standing committee is authorized to 18 19 report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature to address any obstacles to the development and implementation of the online platform and any other 20 21 concerns.