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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 651, L.D. 1643, “An Act to Establish the Maine Life Science Innovation Center”

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

**'An Act to Establish the Maine Life Sciences Innovation Center'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §15303, sub-§6, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 401, Pt. AAA, §3, is amended to read:

D. Shall coordinate its priorities with the applied research and development efforts of the University of Maine System insofar as those efforts are in the targeted technologies and encourage, when possible and appropriate, companies and research laboratories receiving funds from the institute to establish joint ventures with the university system; ~~and~~

**Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §15303, sub-§6, ¶E**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 109, §3, is further amended to read:

E. Shall cooperate with the Department of Economic and Community Development, the Maine Manufacturing Extension Partnership, the University of Maine System and others in their efforts to ensure that a complementary system of support services, including, as needed and appropriate, incubators, business assistance, technology transfer, market research, patent research and similar services, is in place and available to companies and research laboratories receiving funds from the institute; and

**Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §15303, sub-§6, ¶F** is enacted to read:

F. Shall support the Maine Life Sciences Innovation Center pursuant to section 15331.

**Sec. 4. 5 MRSA c. 407, sub-c. 4** is enacted to read:

**SUBCHAPTER 4**

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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**MAINE LIFE SCIENCES INNOVATION CENTER**

**§15331. Maine Life Sciences Innovation Center**

**1. Establishment; purpose.** The Maine Life Sciences Innovation Center, referred to in this subchapter as "the center," is established within the institute to support life sciences innovation, research, entrepreneurship and workforce development in the State. The center is established to serve the following purposes:

- A. To leverage and expand the State's life sciences sector by supporting collaborative research, workforce training and entrepreneurial ventures and seeking capital investment;
- B. To advance life sciences innovation and sector research across disciplines, including human and animal health, marine sciences, agriculture, forestry and data science;
- C. To coordinate with public and private partners, educational and research institutions, nonprofit organizations and business stakeholders to strengthen the State's innovation efforts;
- D. To investigate opportunities for grants, loans and other resources to support life sciences entities;
- E. To develop strategies to attract federal, philanthropic and private investment;
- F. To advise the Maine Technology Institute Director under section 15310 on matters related to life sciences innovation; and
- G. To report regularly to the Legislature regarding the center's operations, activities and recommendations.

**2. Membership.** The center is composed of 10 members. The members include:

- A. The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, or the commissioner's designee, who serves as an ex officio, nonvoting member; and
- B. Nine voting members appointed by the Governor, upon the recommendation of the Finance Authority of Maine and the institute, with expertise spanning the life sciences sector and its allied disciplines, including representatives of industry, life sciences entrepreneurs, research institutions, academia, hospitals, nonprofit organizations, investors and counties, including rural counties. Each member under this paragraph is entitled to one vote.

The Governor shall designate a chair from among the center's members to preside at, set the agenda for and schedule center meetings.

Center members shall disclose any direct or indirect pecuniary interest in any matter before the center and recuse themselves from any participation in the consideration of such a matter.

**3. Operations.** The following provisions govern the operations of the center.

- A. The center shall meet as often as it considers necessary for the center to perform its work.
- B. To the extent practicable, the center shall conduct its work in a manner that is open and accessible to the public.



1 of the Legislature having jurisdiction over economic development matters no later than 180  
2 days after all members of the center have been appointed.

3 The amendment permanently establishes in law the Maine Life Sciences Innovation  
4 Center that was previously established by the Governor by executive order and is not  
5 intended to establish a separate, duplicative entity.

6 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

7 **(See attached)**