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An Act To Assist Students in Preparing for Opportunities To Live and Work in Maine

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Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, CROCKETT of Portland, ROCHE of Wells, WHITE
of Waterville, Senators: TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, WOODSOME of York.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4713** is enacted to read:

3 **§4713. Statewide employment projections**

4 A junior high school or middle school, when providing career or educational
5 programming materials and guidance for students and parents, shall include an electronic
6 link to the publicly accessible website of the Department of Labor, Center for Workforce
7 Research and Information containing statewide employment projections. The department,
8 working with the Department of Labor, shall develop age-appropriate advice for navigating
9 the website containing the statewide employment projections and shall update this advice
10 from time to time as needed.

11 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §4730** is enacted to read:

12 **§4730. Statewide employment projections**

13 A secondary school, when providing career or educational programming materials and
14 guidance for students and parents, shall include an electronic link to the publicly accessible
15 website of the Department of Labor, Center for Workforce Research and Information
16 containing statewide employment projections. The department, working with the
17 Department of Labor, shall develop age-appropriate advice for navigating the website
18 containing the statewide employment projections and shall update this advice from time to
19 time as needed.

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This bill requires secondary schools, junior high schools and middle schools, when
22 providing career or educational programming materials and guidance for students and
23 parents, to include an electronic link to the publicly accessible website of the Department
24 of Labor, Center for Workforce Research and Information containing statewide
25 employment projections.

26 It directs the Department of Education, working with the Department of Labor, to
27 develop age-appropriate advice for navigating the website containing the statewide
28 employment projections and to update the advice from time to time.