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**An Act To Formalize the Governance of the Maine Educational and
Attainment Research Navigation System, a Longitudinal Data Series
for Workforce Information**

Submitted by the Department of Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development
suggested and ordered printed.

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative VACHON of Scarborough.
Cosponsored by Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, LOCKMAN of Amherst, MASTRACCIO
of Sanford, STETKIS of Canaan, Senator: LANGLEY of Hancock.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-G, sub-§10-E,** as enacted by PL 2013, c. 593, §1, is
3 repealed.

4 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA c. 437,** as amended, is repealed.

5 **Sec. 3. 26 MRSA §1407** is enacted to read:

6 **§1407. Maine Educational and Attainment Research Navigation System**

7 **1. Establishment.** The Maine Educational and Attainment Research Navigation
8 System, referred to in this section as "the system," is established within the department
9 for the maintenance and dissemination of information and data by the department and
10 partner organizations and must include, but is not limited to, information and data on
11 education and training results, program completion, graduation, credentials earned and
12 employment and earnings outcomes for those who complete postsecondary education and
13 other training programs in the State over time.

14 **2. Executive council.** The Maine Educational and Attainment Research Navigation
15 System Executive Council, referred to in this section as "the council," is established.
16 Membership of the council must include, but is not limited to, the commissioner or the
17 commissioner's designee, the Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's
18 designee, the Chancellor of the University of Maine System or the chancellor's designee,
19 the President of the Maine Community College System or the president's designee and
20 the directors of the Bureau of Employment Services, the Bureau of Unemployment
21 Compensation and the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services. The council shall provide
22 executive oversight of the development and direction of the system, including the
23 establishment and refinement of policies and procedures for governance of the system,
24 and shall set the priorities of the system, approve all proposed policies and rules and
25 review annual reports.

26 **3. Report.** The department shall report annually to the Governor and the joint
27 standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over workforce and education
28 matters on the development, use and plans for the expansion of the system.

29 **SUMMARY**

30 This bill establishes in statute the Maine Educational and Attainment Research
31 Navigation System, a longitudinal data series of education and training outcomes, within
32 the Department of Labor and creates the Maine Educational and Attainment Research
33 Navigation System Executive Council to provide oversight. It repeals the provisions
34 establishing the State Education and Employment Outcomes Task Force, which currently
35 develops procedures for the data series.