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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 273, L.D. 367, Bill, “An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Government Oversight Committee To Develop a Long-range Strategic Plan for Economic Improvement in the State”

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

**'Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §929-A, sub-§2, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2007, c. 420, §5, is further amended to read:

A. Thirteen members having a broad range of expertise in areas including but not limited to: labor, environment, large and small business and education;'

Amend the bill in section 4 in §929-D in subsection 1 in the 5th line (page 1, line 16 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "resources" the following: ' , educational, science and technology'

Amend the bill in section 4 in §929-D in subsection 1 in paragraph A in subparagraph (2) in division (c) in the last line (page 1, line 32 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "advantages" the following: ' , including, but not limited to, the impact of tax policy, energy costs and regulation on competitiveness'

Amend the bill in section 4 in §929-D in subsection 1 in paragraph A in subparagraph (2) in division (e) in the first line (page 1, line 35 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "quantity and quality" and inserting the following: 'quantity, quality and demographic composition'

Amend the bill in section 4 in §929-D in subsection 1 in paragraph A in subparagraph (2) in division (h) in the first line (page 2, line 2 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Maximizing" and inserting the following: 'Optimizing'

Amend the bill in section 4 in §929-D in subsection 1 in paragraph B in subparagraph (1) in the last line (page 2, line 9 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "support" the following: 'economic opportunity and'

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

1 Amend the bill in section 4 in §929-D in subsection 1 in paragraph B in subparagraph  
2 (3) in the first line (page 2, line 12 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "Strategies"  
3 the following: 'and actions'

4 Amend the bill by inserting after section 5 the following:

5 '**Sec. 6. 10 MRSA §929-F** is enacted to read:

6 **§929-F. Authority to submit legislation**

7 The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over economic  
8 development matters may submit to the Legislature legislation it considers necessary to  
9 improve the required elements of the long-range strategic economic improvement plan as  
10 described in section 929-D, subsection 1 or the process through which it is developed,  
11 maintained or communicated.'

12 Amend the bill by inserting after section 6 the following:

13 '**Sec. 7. Maine Economic Growth Council to develop review criteria.** The  
14 Maine Economic Growth Council shall develop proposed review criteria for use by the  
15 joint standing committees of the Legislature when committees are considering legislative  
16 proposals that may affect the long-range strategic economic improvement plan developed  
17 by the council pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 929-D, subsection  
18 1. The council shall report its findings and recommendations relating to the proposed  
19 review criteria to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and  
20 Economic Development by January 15, 2018. The committee may report out a bill to the  
21 Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature based on the report of the council.'

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

24 **SUMMARY**

25 This amendment makes the following changes to the bill.

26 1. It specifies that membership of the Maine Economic Growth Council must include  
27 members with expertise in both large and small business.

28 2. It adds educational and science and technology factors to the list of factors that  
29 must be addressed by the long-range strategic economic improvement plan.

30 3. It adds a requirement that the Maine Economic Growth Council must consider the  
31 impact of tax policy, energy costs and regulation on competitiveness, the demographic  
32 composition of the State's workforce and the optimization of the return on investment in  
33 the State when developing the plan.

34 4. It adds a requirement that the plan include goals and objectives that support  
35 economic opportunity for all people in the State and that the plan include actions to  
36 accomplish plan benchmarks based upon the best practices in this State, other states and  
37 other countries.

38 5. It authorizes the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction  
39 over economic development matters to submit to the Legislature any bill it considers

1 necessary to improve the required elements of the strategic plan or the process through  
2 which it is developed, maintained or communicated.

3 6. It directs the Maine Economic Growth Council to develop by January 15, 2018  
4 proposed review criteria suitable for use by the joint standing committees of the  
5 Legislature when the committees are considering legislative proposals that may affect the  
6 plan developed by the council. The Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce,  
7 Research and Economic Development may report out a bill to the Second Regular  
8 Session of the 128th Legislature based on the report.

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**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

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**(See attached)**