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**STATE OF MAINE
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125TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 670, L.D. 911, “Resolve, Directing the Maine Community College System To Establish the Great Works School Campus”

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

'Resolve, Directing the Education Coordinating Committee To Establish a Work Group To Create a Seamless Workforce Development and Postsecondary Education Plan for the Sanford Region'

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. Work group established. Resolved: That the Education Coordinating Committee established pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 9 shall convene a work group, referred to in this resolve as "the work group," to create a seamless workforce development and secondary and postsecondary education plan for the Sanford region. The Education Coordinating Committee shall invite the participation of representatives from each of the entities the committee serves by law, as well as representatives from interested parties in the Sanford region and the State, to participate in the work group. Interested parties that may be invited to participate in the work group include but are not limited to York County Community College, the University of Southern Maine, school administrative units, career and technical education centers, regional economic development agencies and representatives of business and industry; and be it further

Sec. 2. Review. Resolved: That the work group shall, within the Education Coordinating Committee's existing resources, review the legal, fiscal and regulatory barriers to seamless workforce development and secondary and postsecondary education that need to be addressed in statutes and rules, such as those governing school construction, career and technical education and postsecondary education. The work group shall review previous initiatives proposed to create workforce development and secondary and postsecondary education plans for the Sanford region. The work group shall also consider the costs and benefits of establishing the Great Works School in

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1 Sanford as a campus of the Maine Community College System as a collaborative service
2 model of workforce development and secondary and postsecondary education that:

3 1. Collaborates with other higher education entities and enters into partnerships with
4 businesses and industry on workforce development, innovation, product development and
5 marketing;

6 2. Supports a business incubator center in manufacturing, composites and advanced
7 energy systems; and

8 3. Offers seamless transfer programs among associate degree programs, bachelor's
9 degree programs and master's degree programs.

10 The work group shall also examine whether statutory or regulatory changes are
11 needed to provide clarification of the collaborative service model; and be it further

12 **Sec. 3. Report. Resolved:** That the Commissioner of Education and the
13 President of the Maine Community College System shall jointly report the work group's
14 findings and any recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and
15 Cultural Affairs by February 15, 2012, along with any statutory changes required to
16 implement a seamless workforce development and secondary and postsecondary
17 education plan for the Sanford region. The Joint Standing Committee on Education and
18 Cultural Affairs may submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 125th
19 Legislature to implement the recommendations of the work group.'

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Education
22 and Cultural Affairs. The amendment replaces the resolve and directs the Education
23 Coordinating Committee, established pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A,
24 section 9, to convene a work group to create a seamless workforce development and
25 secondary and postsecondary education plan for the Sanford region.

26 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

27 (See attached)