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FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 970, L.D. 1342, Bill, “An Act To Establish the Maine Workforce, Research, Development and Student Achievement Institute”

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§6-I is enacted to read:

6-I.

<u>Economic</u>	<u>Maine Workforce,</u>	<u>Not Authorized</u>	<u>5 MRSA §13120-T</u>
<u>Development</u>	<u>Research,</u>		
	<u>Development and</u>		
	<u>Student</u>		
	<u>Achievement</u>		
	<u>Institute</u>		

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA c. 383, sub-c. 10 is enacted to read:

SUBCHAPTER 10

MAINE WORKFORCE, RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT INSTITUTE

§13120-T. Maine Workforce, Research, Development and Student Achievement Institute

1. Institute established. The Maine Workforce, Research, Development and Student Achievement Institute, as established in Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 6-I and referred to in this subchapter as "the institute," is established to collect and analyze information related to workforce training, research and development, student debt and

1 economic advancement in the State, to make policy recommendations to the Legislature
2 and to conduct targeted research for the Legislature.

3 **2. Legislature to contract with university.** The Legislature, through the joint
4 standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over innovation, development,
5 economic advancement and business matters, shall contract with the University of Maine
6 System to establish and maintain the institute. Personnel coordinating the work of the
7 institute must be appointed by the University of Maine System in consultation with the
8 joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over innovation,
9 development, economic advancement and business matters, and those personnel shall
10 consult with and act on behalf of the Legislature, performing such data collection,
11 analysis and research as the Legislature may require.

12 **3. Steering committee.** The Maine Workforce, Research, Development and Student
13 Achievement Institute Steering Committee, referred to in this section as "the steering
14 committee," is established to advise the Legislature and the University of Maine System
15 on all matters related to the institute. With the exception of ex officio members, steering
16 committee members must be appointed by the joint standing committee of the Legislature
17 having jurisdiction over innovation, development, economic advancement and business
18 matters for a term of 2 years. The steering committee shall meet at least 4 times each
19 year and must include the following:

20 A. One member from each of the following:

21 (1) The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over
22 innovation, development, economic advancement and business matters;

23 (2) The University of Maine System;

24 (3) The Maine Municipal Association;

25 (4) The Department of Economic and Community Development;

26 (5) The State Workforce Board, established under Title 26, section 2006;

27 (6) The Department of Labor;

28 (7) A statewide organization representing business interests in the State;

29 (8) A state-based organization involved in workforce and business policy and
30 development;

31 (9) An independent college in the State;

32 (10) The Maine Community College System;

33 (11) A regional economic development organization serving one or more of the
34 following: Aroostook County, Franklin County, Oxford County, Piscataquis
35 County, Somerset County and Washington County; and

36 (12) A statewide organization responsible for business attraction and expansion;

37 B. The State Economist, who serves ex officio;

- 1 C. The Chief Executive Officer of the Finance Authority of Maine or the chief
- 2 executive officer's designee, who serves ex officio;
- 3 D. An individual involved in adult education;
- 4 E. An individual involved in career and technical education;
- 5 F. An individual employed in the public sector; and
- 6 G. An individual employed in the private sector.

7 The steering committee shall elect a chair from among its members to serve a term of 2
8 years.

9 **4. Location and access.** The analysis, recommendations and research results
10 gathered pursuant to this subchapter must be maintained by the institute at the University
11 of Maine System and must be available for use by any interested group or individual.

12 **Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
13 allocations are made.

14 **LEGISLATURE**

15 **Legislature 0081**

16 Initiative: Appropriates funds for the costs of the Legislature to contract on an ongoing
17 basis with the University of Maine System to establish and maintain the Maine
18 Workforce, Research, Development and Student Achievement Institute.

19 GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
20 Personal Services	\$110	\$110
21 All Other	\$250,280	\$250,280
22		
23 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$250,390</u>	<u>\$250,390</u>

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

27 **SUMMARY**

28 This amendment strikes and replaces the bill to reallocate the language establishing
29 the Maine Workforce, Research, Development and Student Achievement Institute from
30 the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A to Title 5. It changes the membership of the
31 Maine Workforce, Research, Development and Student Achievement Institute Steering
32 Committee. It also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

33 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

34 (See attached)