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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 462, L.D. 1412, “An Act To Require the Department of Education To Provide Information to Students Allowing Them To Make Informed Choices Regarding Their Education and Professional Futures”

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

'An Act To Update and Improve the MaineEARNs Database and Reconvene the State Education and Employment Outcomes Task Force'

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

'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §12902 is enacted to read:

§12902. Educational outcome database

No later than January 1, 2022, and biennially thereafter, the Department of Labor, in consultation with the Department of Education and the task force, shall update the database.

Sec. 2. State Education and Employment Outcomes Task Force appointments. All appointments to the State Education and Employment Outcomes Task Force pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 12901 must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this Act. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council once all appointments have been completed. After appointment of all members, the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the task force. If 30 days or more after the effective date of this Act a majority of but not all appointments have been made, the chairs may request authority and the Legislative Council may grant authority for the task force to meet and conduct its business.

Sec. 3. State Education and Employment Outcomes Task Force to study improvements to the Department of Labor's educational outcome database. The State Education and Employment Outcomes Task Force shall study the updating of, and improvements to, the educational outcome database under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 12901. The study must include, but is not limited to, methods of ensuring the database contains the most current data available, ways to add to and improve

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1 the database with additional data regarding vocational schools, student loan information,
2 financial aid awards and student loan default rates, incorporation of data available in other
3 publicly available state or national databases, best practices from other states and any other
4 information that would inform a prospective student. The task force shall report to the joint
5 standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural
6 affairs and labor and housing matters no later than November 1, 2022. The joint standing
7 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs may
8 report out a bill related to the report to the First Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.'

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

11 SUMMARY

12 This amendment strikes and replaces the bill and requires the Department of Labor, in
13 consultation with the Department of Education and the State Education and Employment
14 Outcomes Task Force, to update the educational outcome database established pursuant to
15 the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 12901, also known as the MaineEARNNS
16 database, no later than January 1, 2022, and biennially thereafter. The amendment also
17 requires that appointments to the State Education and Employment Outcomes Task Force
18 pursuant to Title 20-A, section 12901 be made no later than 30 days following the effective
19 date of this legislation. The task force is directed to study the updating of, and
20 improvements to, the MaineEARNNS database. The task force must report to the joint
21 standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural
22 affairs and labor and housing matters no later than November 1, 2022. The joint standing
23 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs may
24 report out a bill related to the report to the First Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.