

STATE OF MAINE

—
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE

—
H.P. 417 - L.D. 572

**An Act To Assist Students in Preparing for Opportunities To Live and Work
in Maine**

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4713 is enacted to read:

§4713. Statewide employment projections

A junior high school or middle school, when providing career or educational programming materials and guidance for students and parents, shall include an electronic link to the publicly accessible website of the Department of Labor, Center for Workforce Research and Information containing statewide employment projections. The department, working with the Department of Labor, shall develop age-appropriate advice for navigating the website containing the statewide employment projections and shall update this advice from time to time as needed.

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §4730 is enacted to read:

§4730. Statewide employment projections

A secondary school, when providing career or educational programming materials and guidance for students and parents, shall include an electronic link to the publicly accessible website of the Department of Labor, Center for Workforce Research and Information containing statewide employment projections. The department, working with the Department of Labor, shall develop age-appropriate advice for navigating the website containing the statewide employment projections and shall update this advice from time to time as needed.

Sec. 3. Career readiness resources for students. The Department of Education, in collaboration with the Department of Economic and Community Development and the Department of Labor, shall create resources that provide developmentally appropriate guidance and information to students in middle schools, junior high schools and secondary schools regarding statewide employment projections, career exploration and extended learning opportunities, internships, apprenticeship programs and career planning.

Sec. 4. Report. No later than January 1, 2022, the Department of Education, in collaboration with the Department of Economic and Community Development and the Department of Labor, shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing and the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business regarding the resources created pursuant to section 3 and the progress of the statewide implementation of those resources pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, sections 4713 and 4730.