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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
129TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND SPECIAL 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 and cost drivers for training, research and

1 development, student debt and economic advancement in the State, to make policy  
2 recommendations to the Legislature 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. State economic plan.** The institute shall align its work with the priorities of the  
13 State's economic development strategy developed by the Department of Economic and  
14 Community Development pursuant to this chapter.

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

23 A. One member from the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation;

24 B. One member from the department;

25 C. One member from the Department of Labor or the State Workforce Board,  
26 established under Title 26, section 2006;

27 D. One member from the University of Maine System;

28 E. One member from the Maine Community College System;

29 F. One member from a statewide organization representing business interests in the  
30 State;

31 G. One member from a statewide organization responsible for promotion of  
32 individual economic opportunities;

33 H. One member from a regional development organization serving one or more of  
34 the following: Aroostook County, Franklin County, Oxford County, Piscataquis  
35 County, Somerset County and Washington County;

36 I. One member who is involved in career and technical education;

37 J. One member who is employed in the public sector;

38 K. One member who is employed in the private sector;

39 L. The State Economist, who serves ex officio; and

1 M. The Chief Executive Officer of the Finance Authority of Maine or the chief  
2 executive officer's designee, who serves ex officio.

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

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

8 **Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and  
9 allocations are made.

10 **LEGISLATURE**

11 **Legislature 0081**

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

15	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
16	All Other	\$0	\$250,000
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18	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>
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20 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or  
21 section number to read consecutively.

22 **SUMMARY**

23 This amendment strikes and replaces the bill to reallocate the language establishing  
24 the Maine Workforce, Research, Development and Student Achievement Institute from  
25 the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A to Title 5. The amendment changes the  
26 membership of the Maine Workforce, Research, Development and Student Achievement  
27 Institute Steering Committee. It also adds a requirement that the institute align its work  
28 with the priorities established by the State's economic development strategy developed by  
29 the Department of Economic and Community Development.

30 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

31 **(See attached)**