

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 970

House of Representatives, March 21, 2019

**An Act To Establish the Maine Workforce, Research, Development  
and Student Achievement Institute**

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Reference to the Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative DAUGHTRY of Brunswick.

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

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

3 **6-I.**

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|----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 4 <u>Economic</u>    | <u>Maine Workforce,</u> | <u>Not Authorized</u> | <u>20-A MRSA §12</u> |
| 5 <u>Development</u> | <u>Research,</u>        |                       |                      |
| 6                    | <u>Development and</u>  |                       |                      |
| 7                    | <u>Student</u>          |                       |                      |
| 8                    | <u>Achievement</u>      |                       |                      |
| 9                    | <u>Institute</u>        |                       |                      |

10 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §12** is enacted to read:

11 **§12. Maine Workforce, Research, Development and Student Achievement Institute**

12 The Maine Workforce, Research, Development and Student Achievement Institute,  
13 as established in Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 6-I and referred to in this section as  
14 "the institute," is established to collect and analyze information related to workforce  
15 training, research and development, student debt and economic advancement in the State,  
16 to make policy recommendations to the Legislature and to conduct targeted research for  
17 the Legislature.

18 **1. Legislature to contract with university.** The Legislature, through the joint  
19 standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over innovation, development,  
20 economic advancement and business matters, shall contract with the University of Maine  
21 System to establish and maintain the institute. Personnel coordinating the work of the  
22 institute must be appointed by the University of Maine System in consultation with the  
23 Legislature and those personnel shall consult with and act on behalf of the Legislature,  
24 performing such data collection, analysis and research as the Legislature may require.

25 **2. Steering committee.** The Maine Workforce, Research, Development and Student  
26 Achievement Institute Steering Committee, referred to in this section as "the steering  
27 committee," is established to advise the Legislature and the University of Maine System  
28 on all matters related to the institute. Steering committee members must be appointed by  
29 the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over innovation,  
30 development, economic advancement and business matters for a term of 2 years. The  
31 steering committee shall meet at least 4 times each year and must include one member  
32 from each of the following:

33 A. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over  
34 innovation, development, economic advancement and business matters;

35 B. The department;

36 C. The state board;

37 D. The University of Maine System;

38 E. The Maine Education Association;

