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An Act Regarding the Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

Reference to the Committee on Labor and Housing suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative FECTEAU of Biddeford.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §2001, sub-§4-A** is enacted to read:

3 **4-A. State workforce development plan.** "State workforce development plan"
4 means a state plan under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

5 **Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §2004-A**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 110, §13, is further
6 amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

7 The State Workforce Board shall submit the state workforce development plan to the
8 joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters for the
9 committee's review prior to the plan being submitted to the Federal Government.

10 **Sec. 3. 26 MRSA §2006, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 110, §15, is further
11 amended to read:

12 **2. Membership.** The board consists of members appointed by the Governor, subject
13 to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over
14 labor matters and to confirmation by the Legislature.

15 B. Appointments must be consistent with the representation requirements of the
16 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, including representatives from business
17 and industry, organized labor, state agencies responsible for human resource
18 programs and educational and community-based institutions.

19 The Governor shall ensure that the board has sufficient expertise to effectively carry out
20 the duties and functions of the board.

21 **Sec. 4. 26 MRSA §2007**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 110, §20, is further amended
22 to read:

23 **§2007. Funding**

24 Funds received from the United States pursuant to the Workforce Innovation and
25 Opportunity Act must be deposited in the Employment Services Activity program
26 account within the Department of Labor. Funds must be deposited, administered and
27 disbursed in the same manner and under the same conditions and requirements as
28 provided by law for other federal funds in the State Treasury, except that if the Governor
29 does not authorize disbursement of the federal funds within 30 days after receipt of the
30 funds, the Treasurer of State shall disburse the funds in accordance with Title 2, section 4.
31 The commissioner shall ensure that management and use of the federal funds comply
32 with the requirements of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. Federal funds
33 in the account do not lapse but must be carried forward to be used to implement the
34 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

35 If the Governor does not authorize disbursement of state funds made available to be
36 used to implement the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act within 30 days after
37 the funds are made available, the Treasurer of State shall disburse the funds.

