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- Services and, the Director of the State Development 1 2 Office, the Director of the State Planning Office, the chairmen of the Maine Job Training Council and 3 4 the State Board of Education. The Commissioner of La-5 bor and the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural 6 Services may serve as the representatives of the 7 chairmen of the Maine Job Training Council and the 8 State Board of Education, respectively, upon the 9 agreement of designation by the 2 agencies. The Com-10 missioner of Labor shall be the chairman of the committee with the Department of Labor serving as 11 12 fiscal agent for the committee.
 - Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §1453, sub-§3, as amended by PL
 1983, c. 469, §3, is further amended to read:
- 3. <u>Career and occupational information</u>. Facilitate the use of career and occupational information in both school and nonschool settings through promotion and support of career education programs and activities;

13 14 Section 1 of this bill increases the membership of the Maine Occupational Information Coordinating Committee in accordance with recent amendments in federal law, the Vocational Education Act of 1984 and the Job Training Partnership Act of 1982, which contain requirements for membership of committees such as the Maine Occupational Information Coordinating Committee in order to ensure their eligibility for federal funds. In addition, the Director of the State Planning Office who can play an important role in the Maine Occupational Information Coordinating Committee has been added as a member of the committee.

Section 2 strengthens the Maine Occupational Information Coordinating Committee's ability to facilitate the use of career and occupational information by providing the ability to promote and support career education programs and activities. The promotion of career education will increase the awareness of students that someday will be entering the world of work and that recognition may allow them to pursue more productive and appropriate careers.

This bill is completely complementary to the legislation being submitted by the Department of Educational and Cultural Services which already recognizes the excellence of the systems designed by the Maine Occupational Information Coordinating Committee. The expanded membership of the committee ensures even greater coordination and the career education provision may assist increasing the aspirations of students in Maine schools.

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