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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-EIGHT

1 **AN ACT to Facilitate the Collection and**
2 **Organization of Data for Effective Use in**
3 **State Government.**
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5 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
6 follows:

7 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004, sub-§13, ¶A, sub-¶(4-A)**
8 **is enacted to read:**

1 (4-A) State Data Not Authorized 5 MRSA §13302
2 Coordinating
3 Committee

4 **Sec. 2.** 5 MRSA c. 385 is enacted to read:

5 CHAPTER 385

6 DATA FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
7 AND PLANNING PURPOSES

8 §13301. Purposes

9 The Legislature finds that comprehensive
10 statistical data essential to the evaluation,
11 forecasting and monitoring of economic and social
12 change and for economic and other types of planning is
13 not currently collected in a manner by which the data
14 can be used or shared effectively. State agencies, in
15 many cases, collect similar data and organize the data
16 to fit the needs and interests of that agency. State
17 agencies often cannot use significant data for their
18 needs which has been collected by other state agencies.

19 The Legislature finds that the Department of
20 Economic and Community Development and the State
21 Planning Office require comprehensive and accurate
22 data to carry out the purposes for which these
23 agencies have been created. To meet this need, the
24 State Data Coordinating Committee shall serve to
25 develop procedures for the tabulation of data and to
26 coordinate the collection of statistical data among
27 state agencies for the use of the Department of
28 Economic and Community Development, the State Planning
29 Office, other organizations assisting or working with
30 these agencies and the Legislature.

31 §13302. Committee established

32 The State Data Coordinating Committee, as
33 authorized in chapter 379, is established to achieve
34 the purposes as set out in this chapter. The committee
35 shall work with municipalities and regional planning

1 and economic development organizations to generate and
2 share data for economic development and planning
3 purposes.

4 The State Data Coordinating Committee shall work
5 closely with the Information Services Policy Board to
6 collect and generate data and coordinate data
7 collection of state agencies that are important to
8 planning, evaluation, monitoring and forecasting of
9 economic development and the understanding of economic
10 and social change.

11 §13303. Definitions

12 As used in this chapter, unless the context
13 otherwise indicates, the following terms have the
14 following meanings.

15 1. Committee. "Committee" means the State Data
16 Coordinating Committee.

17 2. Designee. "Designee" means a person in a major
18 policy-influencing position as defined in chapter 71.

19 §13304. Committee membership

20 The committee shall consist of 11 voting members.

21 1. Members. The board shall consist of the
22 following members:

23 A The Commissioner of Economic and Community
24 Development or the commissioner's designee;

25 B. The Commissioner of Educational and Cultural
26 Services or the commissioner's designee;

27 C. The Commissioner of Human Services or the
28 commissioner's designee;

29 D. The Commissioner of Labor or the
30 commissioner's designee;

31 E. The Deputy Commissioner of the Office of
32 Information Services;

1 F. The Chairman of the Public Utilities
2 Commission or the chairman's designee;

3 G. The State Tax Assessor;

4 H. The Director of the Maine State Housing
5 Authority or the director's designee who shall be
6 a managerial and policy development person;

7 I. The Director of the State Planning Office or
8 the director's designee;

9 J. The Chief Executive Officer of the Finance
10 Authority of Maine or the chief executive
11 officer's designee who shall be a managerial and
12 policy development person; and

13 K. The Executive Director of the Maine
14 Vocational-Technical Institute System or the
15 executive director's designee.

16 2. Chairman. The Director of the State Planning
17 Office shall be the chairman of the committee. The
18 chairman may designate a temporary chairman to conduct
19 the business of the committee during the absence of
20 the chairman.

21 3. Meetings. The committee shall meet at least
22 10 times a year.

23 4. Majority vote. Any policies recommended for
24 adoption shall require the affirmative vote of a
25 majority of the members of the committee.

26 §13305. Duties and responsibilities of the committee

27 The committee shall have the authority,
28 responsibilities and duties enumerated in this section.

29 1. Develop data collection process. The
30 committee shall develop a data collection process
31 which shall collect and organize data by municipality.

32 2. Develop a uniform format for data collection

1 and organization. The committee shall develop a
2 uniform format for data collection and organization to
3 be used by each agency in order that data may be
4 easily compared, contrasted and used to produce a
5 comprehensive picture of economic and social growth
6 and change in specific geographical areas.

7 3. Type of data. The data to be collected and
8 organized pursuant to this chapter shall be data
9 important to the evaluation, monitoring and
10 forecasting of economic growth, the understanding of
11 economic and social change and other types of
12 planning. This data shall include:

13 A. Employment data, including employment by the
14 Standard Industrial Classification Code and by
15 occupation;

16 B. Wage data, by the Standard Industrial
17 Classification Code and by occupation;

18 C. Income data, including personal and business
19 income;

20 D. Housing data;

21 E. Levels of education of the work force;

22 F. Enrollment in secondary vocational-regional
23 centers and the Vocational-Technical Institute
24 System;

25 G. Enrollments of Maine residents in colleges and
26 universities located inside and outside the State;

27 H. Job training, including participants and types
28 of programs;

29 I. Business financing data;

30 J. General assistance data, including state and
31 municipal assistance;

32 K. Business growth and change, including business
33 expansions, new businesses and business closings;

1 L. Changes in land use from an undeveloped status
2 to a developed status;

3 M. Investments in business in this State which
4 shall be differentiated in accordance with the
5 Standard Industrial Classification Code; and

6 N. Business usage of electrical power,
7 differentiated according to Standard Industrial
8 Classification Code standards.

9 4. Develop designated geographical units. The
10 committee shall develop designated geographical units
11 by which data shall be organized. The data shall be
12 organized by municipalities and by counties.

13 5. Other organizational criteria. The committee
14 may develop other criteria by which data may be
15 organized.

16 6. Adopt rules. The committee shall adopt rules
17 in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure
18 Act, chapter 375, for the collection, organization and
19 transfer of data and for the determination and
20 disposition of confidential data.

21 7. Confidentiality. The committee shall
22 establish standards by which confidential data shall
23 be determined. In the event that confidential data is
24 required to evaluate any issue, conduct forecasting or
25 to undertake planning, the confidential data shall be
26 provided in accordance with rules established pursuant
27 to subsection 6. These rules shall not prohibit the
28 transfer or provision of confidential data, the
29 confidentiality of which shall be preserved by the
30 user.

31 §13306. Publication of data and catalog of data
32 sources

33 The Department of Economic and Community
34 Development shall publish the data depicting economic
35 growth and change at least annually. The department

1 may charge fees to persons and organizations outside
2 State Government for these publications.

3 A. The department shall publish a catalog of data
4 sources to include private sector data sources and
5 services.

6 §13307. Report

7 The committee shall determine the costs of
8 alternatives to implement this chapter. The committee
9 shall report its findings and recommendations to the
10 Governor and to the First Regular Session of the 114th
11 Legislature no later than December 30, 1988.

12 §13308. Review of data

13 The committee, at least annually, shall review the
14 data collected pursuant to this chapter, the
15 organization of the data and the process by which the
16 data is collected and shared. The committee may
17 propose changes to the Governor and the Legislature
18 with respect to the collection, organization and
19 sharing of data. In the event that changes are made
20 in the organization of data, no changes may be
21 implemented that prevent the comparison and contrast
22 of data among the initially designated geographical
23 units over time.

24 STATEMENT OF FACT

25 This bill is a product of the study of the Joint
26 Standing Committee on Economic Development which
27 analyzed 14 regional economies throughout the State.
28 The committee found that data necessary for a
29 comprehensive understanding of regional economies was
30 collected by many different agencies, each of which
31 collected data for different geographical units. As a
32 result, it is extremely difficult, if not impossible
33 in many cases, to compare data among selected or
34 specified regions or geographical units.

35 This bill proposes to establish an interagency
36 data coordinating committee with the Director of the

1 State Planning Office as chairman and 10 other
2 directors or commissioners of state agencies,
3 including the Deputy Commissioner of the Office of
4 Information Services. The purpose or mission for the
5 coordinating committee is to determine the means and
6 costs by which data, collected by several different
7 agencies and necessary for economic development and
8 planning, may be organized and easily adopted to any
9 designated geographical units.

10 The data shall be collected by municipalities and
11 by counties. The coordinating committee is also
12 required to develop a uniform format for the
13 collection of the data.

14 The coordinating committee shall report its
15 findings and recommendations, including costs and
16 implementing legislation to the First Regular Session
17 of the 114th Legislature.

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