

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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In Senate, January 31, 1989

Reported by Senator ANDREWS of Cumberland for the Committee on Housing and Economic Development.

Reference to the Committee on Housing and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 19.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

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### STATE OF MAINE

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

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**An Act to Assess Product and Technology Development in the State and to  
Reduce Barriers to Innovations in Technology and Production.**

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

3 Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §13123, sub-§13 is enacted to read:

5 13. Analysis of product and technology development. The  
6 commission in consultation with the University of Maine System,  
7 the Maine Vocational-Technical Institute System and the  
8 Department of Economic and Community Development shall conduct a  
9 study to include, but not be limited to, the following:

11 A. The current status of product and technology development  
12 in the State;

13 B. The present and potential impact of technology on the  
14 economy of the State;

15 C. The barriers to product and technology development;

16 D. The means by which the barriers can be reduced or  
17 eliminated; and

18 E. The most effective role for public institutions to  
19 promote product and technology development in the State for  
20 export to domestic and foreign markets.

21 Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §13127 is enacted to read:

22 §13127. Coordination with the public sector

23 The commission and the executive director shall coordinate  
24 and cooperate with the Department of Economic and Community  
25 Development, the public and private higher educational  
26 institutions in the State and state agencies which become  
27 involved in, or consider, science and technology issues. The  
28 commission and the executive director, in implementing their  
29 duties and responsibilities shall be consistent with the economic  
30 development and international trade strategies pursuant to  
31 chapter 383.

32 Sec. 3. Report. The Maine Science and Technology Commission  
33 shall present its findings, developed in accordance with the  
34 Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 13123, subsection 13, in  
35 a report in accordance with the Joint Rules, together with any  
36 necessary recommended implementing legislation, to the Joint  
37 Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development of the  
38 Second Regular Session of the 114th Legislature.  
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## STATEMENT OF FACT

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5 This bill is a product of the study conducted by the Joint  
7 Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development with  
9 respect to the impact of international trade on economic  
11 development. The study found that many states have actively  
13 promoted and developed systems for product and technology  
development to enhance state economies. This is particularly  
important with respect to the amount of research and investment  
in product and technology development currently occurring in many  
foreign nations.

15 This bill proposes that the Maine Science and Technology  
17 Commission, in consultation with the University of Maine System  
and state agencies, study the issues of product and technology  
development in Maine with specific focus on:

19 1. The current status of product and technology development  
21 in Maine;

23 2. The present and potential impact of technology on the  
state economy;

25 3. The barriers to product and technology development;

27 4. The means of reducing or eliminating the barriers; and

29 5. The most effective role for public institutions to  
31 promote product and technology development.

33 The bill also directs the commission to propose policies and  
programs that are consistent with the State's economic  
development and international trade strategies.