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In Senate, December 17, 2001

An Act to Make Minor Changes to the Maine Technology Institute's Statute and to Make Minor Changes to the Applied Technology Development Centers' Statute.

Submitted by the Department of Economic and Community Development pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 17, 2001. Referred to the Committee on Business and Economic Development and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pamela L. Cahill".

PAMELA L. CAHILL
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SHOREY of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative BRYANT of Dixfield and
Representatives: DORR of Camden, RICHARDSON of Brunswick.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §15302, sub-§§9 and 10,** as enacted by PL 1999,
c. 401, Pt. AAA, §3, are amended to read:

6 **9. Annual report.** By ~~October~~ December 15th of each year,
7 the institute shall provide an annual report, with audited
8 financial reports, on its activities to the joint standing
9 committee or joint select committee of the Legislature having
10 jurisdiction over research and development matters. ~~The~~
11 ~~institute shall also submit unaudited quarterly financial reports~~
12 ~~to the joint standing committee or joint select committee of the~~
13 ~~Legislature having jurisdiction over research and development~~
14 ~~matters.~~

16 **10. Independent evaluation.** By January 14, 2000 and by
17 January 15th of every odd-numbered year, starting in 2001 2003,
18 the institute shall submit to the joint standing committee or
19 joint select committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction
20 over research and development matters an independent evaluation
21 of the performance of the institute. The evaluation must measure
22 firm survival, new product development and process innovations,
23 jobs created and other measures that the evaluator, in
24 consultation with the institute, may establish. The evaluation
25 must consider the institute's strategic role in stimulating
26 economic growth in Maine's targeted technologies.

28 **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §15302, sub-§11** is enacted to read:

30 **11. Proceedings; records.** The proceedings and records of
31 the institute are not considered public for the purposes of Title
32 1, chapter 13.

34 **Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §15321, sub-§3, ¶D** is enacted to read:

36 **D. The records and proceedings of the applied technology**
37 **development centers and their tenants are not considered**
38 **public for the purposes of Title 1, chapter 13.**

40 **SUMMARY**

42 This bill protects the confidentiality of Maine Technology
43 Institute clients by exempting the institute's proceedings and
44 records from the requirements of Maine's public records and
45 proceedings statutes.

48 This bill also protects the confidentiality of the applied
technology development centers and their tenants by exempting the

2 centers and their tenants' records and proceedings from the requirements of Maine's public records and proceedings statutes.