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**BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
121ST LEGISLATURE  
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1399, L.D. 1883, Bill, "An Act To Coordinate Education, Job Training and Employers in Maine"

Amend the bill in section 3 in that part designated "~~§13161.~~" by striking out all of the first paragraph (page 1, lines 44 to 49 and page 2, lines 1 and 2 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'The Future for Youth in Maine State Work Action Tactics Team, referred to in this chapter as "the S.W.A.T. team," is established as an advisory body to bring together representatives of government, education, business and labor in a focused, coordinated effort to recommend to the Governor and the Legislature and to oversee strategies, including realigning and streamlining the State's economic development policies and resources, and specific efforts to retain and attract youth. For the purposes of this chapter, "youth" means persons 15 to 35 years of age.'

Further amend the bill in section 3 in that part designated "~~§13161.~~" in subsection 1 in the first line (page 2, line 4 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Policy-making" and inserting in its place the following: 'Voting'

Further amend the bill in section 3 in that part designated "~~§13161.~~" in subsection 1 in the 2nd line (page 2, line 5 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "policy-making" and inserting in its place the following: 'voting'

Further amend the bill in section 3 in that part designated "~~§13161.~~" in subsection 1 in paragraph A by striking out all of subparagraph (3) (page 2, lines 18 to 23 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

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'(3) One member who is a college student under 35 years of age, the appointment alternating annually between a student recommended by the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System and a student recommended by the Board of Trustees of the Maine Community College System;'

Further amend the bill in section 3 in that part designated "~~§13161.~~" by inserting after subsection 1 a new subsection 2 to read:

'2. Chair; vice-chair. The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall serve as the chair of the S.W.A.T. team. A member who is elected from among those appointed under subsection 1, paragraph A, subparagraph (1) or (2) or paragraph B shall serve as the vice-chair of the S.W.A.T team.'

Further amend the bill in section 3 in that part designated "~~§13161.~~" in subsection 2 in the first line (page 2, line 49 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "~~Advisory~~" and inserting in its place the following: 'Nonvoting'

Further amend the bill in section 3 in that part designated "~~§13161.~~" in subsection 2 in the 2nd line (page 2, line 50 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "~~advisory~~"

Further amend the bill in section 3 in that part designated "~~§13161.~~" by renumbering the subsections to read consecutively.

Further amend the bill in section 3 by striking out all of that part designated "~~§13162.~~" and inserting in its place the following:

'§13162. Duties

1. Recommendation and implementation of economic policy and strategy. The S.W.A.T. team shall:

A. Recommend to the Governor and Legislature and oversee and evaluate the implementation of education policies that focus on meeting the needs of the labor market and the business community and economic development priorities; and

B. Recommend to the Governor and Legislature and oversee and evaluate the implementation of short-term and long-term strategies to retain and attract youth by improving coordination and reducing fragmentation within and between labor, education, business and economic development sectors. Specific responsibilities in this area include:

2 (1) Recommending a comprehensive action plan for  
3 economic development and education policy initiatives  
4 specifically designed to expand opportunities for youth;

6 (2) Creating a publicly accessible site on the  
7 Internet that is a comprehensive clearinghouse of  
8 information regarding higher education, career  
9 opportunities and jobs available in the State,  
10 including the high-growth and high-paying jobs in the  
11 State. The S.W.A.T. team shall ensure that this  
12 resource is well publicized and easily accessible to  
13 all residents of and all students attending high school  
14 or college in the State. The S.W.A.T. team shall  
15 provide statewide access to this resource no later than  
16 January 15, 2005 and shall update the information at  
17 least every 2 months thereafter;

18 (3) Recommending and overseeing the implementation of  
19 an initiative to provide all high school students in  
20 the State with information about higher education and  
21 career opportunities in the State. The initiative must  
22 include information regarding public and private  
23 postsecondary education programs in the State, career  
24 paths, required education and training and lists of  
25 high-growth occupations, high-paying jobs and  
26 occupational shortages. The S.W.A.T. team shall  
27 implement the initiative statewide no later than  
28 January 15, 2005; and

30 (4) Recommending and overseeing the implementation of  
31 a program to bring volunteers from business and  
32 government to high schools throughout the State to  
33 provide students with information about career  
34 opportunities and the education required for different  
35 careers. The S.W.A.T. team shall implement this  
36 program statewide no later than January 15, 2005.

38 2. Higher education planning. The S.W.A.T. team shall:

40 A. Assist the University of Maine System and the Maine  
41 Community College System in their development of a  
42 comprehensive plan for higher education that will meet the  
43 needs of the State's economy and business community for  
44 research and development, commercialization of products and  
45 services, emerging technologies and workforce training; and

46 B. Review the need for and develop proposals for funding to  
47 develop professional health care education and training at  
48 the University of Maine System and the Maine Community

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2 College System that will increase employment opportunities  
3 throughout the State.

4 3. Oversight. The S.W.A.T. team shall monitor and oversee  
5 the development and implementation of initiatives undertaken by  
6 state agencies and organizations to create opportunities for  
7 youth through economic development, education, employment and  
8 other strategies.'

10 Further amend the bill in section 3 by inserting after  
11 "§13162." a new section to read:

12 '§13163. Construction; authority of boards of trustees of  
13 higher education institutions

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15 Nothing in this chapter may be construed to provide the  
16 S.W.A.T. team with any authority regarding the policies and  
17 resources of the Maine Community College System or the University  
18 of Maine System or the board of trustees of either system.'

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20 Further amend the bill by striking out all of sections 4 and  
21 5.

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23 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the  
24 summary the following:

25 '**Sec. 9. Report.** The Future for Youth in Maine State Work  
26 Action Tactics Team established in the Maine Revised Statutes,  
27 Title 5, section 13161 shall report all findings,  
28 accomplishments, future plans and policy recommendations,  
29 including its comprehensive action plan developed pursuant to  
30 Title 5, section 13162, subsection 1, paragraph B for economic  
31 and education policy initiatives, to the presiding officers of  
32 the Legislature, who shall refer the reports to the appropriate  
33 joint standing committees of the Legislature for review. The  
34 team shall make its report to the presiding officers no later  
35 than January 15, 2005.

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37 **Sec. 10. Comprehensive education plan and report.** The Board of  
38 Trustees of the Maine Community College System and the Board of  
39 Trustees of the University of Maine System shall collaboratively  
40 develop a comprehensive plan and implement a formal process to  
41 work with public sector and private sector representatives of  
42 business, industry and economic development and determine the  
43 extent, if any, to which higher education planning and resource  
44 allocation can be coordinated with the private sector to better  
45 meet the needs of the State's economy and business sector. The  
46 Board of Trustees of the Maine Community College System and the  
47 Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System shall consult  
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2 with the Future for Youth in Maine State Work Action Tactics Team  
 3 established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 13161  
 4 in developing the plan. At a minimum, the plan must address the  
 5 needs of the business sector with respect to research and  
 6 development, the commercialization of new products and services,  
 7 business development and workforce training. The Board of  
 8 Trustees of the Maine Community College System and the Board of  
 9 Trustees of the University of Maine System shall report on this  
 10 collaborative process and present this comprehensive plan to the  
 11 Future for Youth in Maine State Work Action Tactics Team, the  
 12 joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction  
 13 over education matters and the joint standing committee of the  
 14 Legislature having jurisdiction over business matters no later  
 than January 15, 2005.

16 **Sec. 11. Appropriations and allocations.** The following  
 17 appropriations and allocations are made.

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22 Initiative: Provides funds on an ongoing basis for the per diem  
 23 and expenses for legislative advisory members of the Future for  
 24 Youth in Maine State Work Action Tactics Team, S.W.A.T. team.

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<b>General Fund</b>	<b>2003-04</b>	<b>2004-05</b>
28 Personal Services	\$0	\$1,320
All Other	0	1,200
30	\$0	\$2,520
32 General Fund Total		

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<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2003-04</b>	<b>2004-05</b>
36 <b>General Fund</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,520</b>
38 <b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,520</b>

40 **ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY**  
 41 **DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF**

42 **Business Development 0585**

44 Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for contracted services to  
 45 develop and implement a comprehensive marketing strategy to  
 46 promote Maine to youth as an attractive location to pursue  
 47 education, employment and business development opportunities.

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<b>General Fund</b>	<b>2003-04</b>	<b>2004-05</b>
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All Other	\$0	\$75,000
General Fund Total	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$75,000</u>

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DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF  
DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	2003-04	2004-05
General Fund	\$0	\$75,000
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$75,000</u>

**SECTION TOTALS**

	2003-04	2004-05
General Fund	\$0	\$77,520
SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$77,520'</u>

Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment clarifies the role of the Future for Youth in Maine State Work Action Tactics Team, the "S.W.A.T. team." It specifies that the S.W.A.T. team is an advisory body that recommends economic development policies to the Legislature and the Governor. The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development serves as the chair of the S.W.A.T team, and the vice-chair is selected from among the private sector members of the S.W.A.T. team.

This amendment also clarifies the role of the S.W.A.T. team with respect to the Maine Community College System and the University of Maine System. The State's higher educational institutions are represented on the S.W.A.T. team, but the S.W.A.T. team can not infringe upon the responsibilities and resources of the State's higher education institutions.

This amendment also requires the S.W.A.T. team to review the need for educational and training programs for and job opportunities in the field of health care. The S.W.A.T. team will make recommendations to the Legislature and the Governor with respect to promoting opportunities in the health care field.

This amendment also deletes the provision of the bill that would have given the S.W.A.T. team responsibility for providing

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oversight and recommendations concerning economic development policies. Finally, the amendment deletes the S.W.A.T. team's annual reporting requirement and the annual reporting requirement for the comprehensive education plan.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
**(See attached)**



**121st Maine Legislature  
Office of Fiscal and Program Review**

**LD 1883**

**An Act To Coordinate Education, Job Training and Employers in Maine**

**LR 2348(02)**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "**

**Committee: Business, Research and Economic Development**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**




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**Fiscal Note**

	2003-04	2004-05	Projections 2005-06	Projections 2006-07
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$77,520	\$77,520	\$77,520
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$77,520	\$77,520	\$77,520

**Fiscal Detail and Notes**

This bill includes a General Fund appropriations to the Legislature in the amount of \$2,520 annually beginning in fiscal year 2004-05 to provide funds for the per diem and expenses for legislative advisory members of the Future for Youth in Maine State Work Action Tactics team ( S.W. A. T. team)

This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$75,000 in fiscal year 2004-05 for the Business Development program with the Department of Economic and Community Development to contract for services to develop and implement a comprehensive marketing strategy.

Additional costs to the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System to work together and with the S.W.A.T team to develop the required plan and to work with members of the private and public sector to determine the extent to which higher education planning and resource allocation decisions can be coordinated to better meet the needs of the State's economy and business sector can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted resources. However, the ability of the University to absorb the costs of implementing any resulting initiatives is less certain and can not be determined at this time.

Additional costs to the Maine State Housing Authority to develop the required recommendations and to serve on the Future for Youth in Maine State Work Action Tactics team can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted resources.

Additional costs to the Department of Education, the Department of Labor, and the Finance Authority of Maine to serve on the team can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted resources.