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House of Representatives, April 25, 2017

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**An Act To Formalize the Governance of the Maine Educational and  
Attainment Research Navigation System, a Longitudinal Data Series  
for Workforce Information**

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Submitted by the Department of Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 204.  
Reference to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development  
suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative VACHON of Scarborough.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, LOCKMAN of Amherst, MASTRACCIO  
of Sanford, STETKIS of Canaan, Senator: LANGLEY of Hancock.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-G, sub-§10-E,** as enacted by PL 2013, c. 593, §1, is  
3 repealed.

4 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA c. 437,** as amended, is repealed.

5 **Sec. 3. 26 MRSA §1407** is enacted to read:

6 **§1407. Maine Educational and Attainment Research Navigation System**

7 **1. Establishment.** The Maine Educational and Attainment Research Navigation  
8 System, referred to in this section as "the system," is established within the department  
9 for the maintenance and dissemination of information and data by the department and  
10 partner organizations and must include, but is not limited to, information and data on  
11 education and training results, program completion, graduation, credentials earned and  
12 employment and earnings outcomes for those who complete postsecondary education and  
13 other training programs in the State over time.

14 **2. Executive council.** The Maine Educational and Attainment Research Navigation  
15 System Executive Council, referred to in this section as "the council," is established.  
16 Membership of the council must include, but is not limited to, the commissioner or the  
17 commissioner's designee, the Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's  
18 designee, the Chancellor of the University of Maine System or the chancellor's designee,  
19 the President of the Maine Community College System or the president's designee and  
20 the directors of the Bureau of Employment Services, the Bureau of Unemployment  
21 Compensation and the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services. The council shall provide  
22 executive oversight of the development and direction of the system, including the  
23 establishment and refinement of policies and procedures for governance of the system,  
24 and shall set the priorities of the system, approve all proposed policies and rules and  
25 review annual reports.

26 **3. Report.** The department shall report annually to the Governor and the joint  
27 standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over workforce and education  
28 matters on the development, use and plans for the expansion of the system.

29 **SUMMARY**

30 This bill establishes in statute the Maine Educational and Attainment Research  
31 Navigation System, a longitudinal data series of education and training outcomes, within  
32 the Department of Labor and creates the Maine Educational and Attainment Research  
33 Navigation System Executive Council to provide oversight. It repeals the provisions  
34 establishing the State Education and Employment Outcomes Task Force, which currently  
35 develops procedures for the data series.