

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# **128th MAINE LEGISLATURE**

## **FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2017**

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1638**

S.P. 589

In Senate, June 9, 2017

### **An Act To Promote Workforce Education Attainment**

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Reported by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock for the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs pursuant to Joint Order 2017, S.P. 293.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

**HEATHER J.R. PRIEST**  
Secretary of the Senate

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

2 **Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §2006, sub-§1, ¶¶I and J**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 114,  
3 §10, are amended to read:

4 I. Providing policy recommendations to ensure the effectiveness of work-related  
5 programs and services for youth, including youth with disabilities; ~~and~~

6 J. Providing policy recommendations to ensure the effectiveness of work-related  
7 programs and services for "at-risk" youth; and

8 **Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §2006, sub-§1, ¶K** is enacted to read:

9 K. Supporting and tracking progress toward an attainment goal of increasing the  
10 percent of working-age adults holding a high-value certificate, college degree,  
11 vocational education or other industry-recognized credential to 60% by 2025 with a  
12 focus on meeting future workforce needs and reporting annually on progress to the  
13 joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and  
14 cultural affairs and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction  
15 over labor, business, research and economic development matters.

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill adds supporting an attainment goal of increasing the percent of working-age  
18 adults holding a high-value certificate, college degree, vocational education or other  
19 industry-recognized credential to 60% by 2025 with a focus on meeting future workforce  
20 needs to the list of responsibilities of the State Workforce Investment Board. The board  
21 may seek information from the Maine Workforce and Education Coalition in regards to  
22 an attainment goal. It also directs the Workforce Investment Board to track the State's  
23 progress toward the attainment goal and to annually report on the progress to the joint  
24 standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural  
25 affairs and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor,  
26 business, research and economic development matters.

27 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

28 **(See attached)**



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**Fiscal Note for Original Bill**  
**Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**  
**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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### Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the State Workforce Investment Board associated with implementing the requirements of this legislation can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.