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### **An Act To Create New Models of Maine Manufacturing Employment and Education**

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative SYLVESTER of Portland.  
Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and  
Representatives: CUDDY of Winterport, O'NEIL of Saco, Senator: CHIPMAN of  
Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §11, sub-§3, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 346, §2, is  
3 amended to read:

4 D. Devise strategies for promoting career and technical education alignment and  
5 supporting early career planning and transition supports from high school to college  
6 and to the workforce; ~~and~~

7 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §11, sub-§3, ¶E**, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 346, §2, is  
8 amended to read:

9 E. Propose methods for integrating out-of-school programs focused on science,  
10 technology, engineering and mathematics with school-based programs, with the goal  
11 of inspiring more students to concentrate in the fields of science, technology,  
12 engineering and mathematics; and

13 **Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §11, sub-§3, ¶F** is enacted to read:

14 F. Coordinate the development of higher education programs and public-private  
15 partnerships to enhance higher education and employment opportunities in the State in  
16 science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

17 **Sec. 4. Science, technology, engineering and mathematics program**  
18 **development for education and employment.** The Science, Technology, Engineering  
19 and Mathematics Council under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 11,  
20 referred to in this section as "the council," shall engage with the University of Maine  
21 System under Title 20-A, chapter 411, the Maine Community College System under Title  
22 20-A, chapter 431, adult education programs under Title 20-A, chapter 315, the Finance  
23 Authority of Maine under Title 10, section 964, the Loring Development Authority of  
24 Maine under Title 5, section 13080 and private sector stakeholders to develop proposals  
25 for the following programs and initiatives to promote new models of manufacturing  
26 education and employment in the State:

27 1. A 5-year dual degree program through the University of Maine System in green  
28 technology and entrepreneurship, along with a scholarship program for students in the  
29 program and seed funding for business development in green manufacturing;

30 2. A 5-year dual degree program in educational communication and digital technology  
31 based at the University of Southern Maine and the University of Maine at Farmington to  
32 develop and prepare educators for remote communication, learning and training platforms;

33 3. A dual degree program in accounting and green technology at the University of  
34 Maine at Presque Isle;

35 4. A platform for occupational licensing in educational communication and digital  
36 technology that addresses the needs of new residents of the State, including but not limited  
37 to immigrants and refugees;

38 5. An associate degree program, supported by public-private funding, to train students  
39 in green engineering and technology based at Central Maine Community College;

40 6. An apprenticeship program in green technology and employment, including but not  
41 limited to apprenticeships in solar farm development and operation;

