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**An Act To Establish the Maine Workforce, Research, Development
and Student Achievement Institute**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on April 15, 2021. Referred to the Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CURRY of Waldo.
Cosponsored by Senator: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§6-I** is enacted to read:

3 **6-I.**

4 <u>Economic</u>	<u>Maine Workforce,</u>	<u>Not Authorized</u>	<u>5 MRSA §13120-T</u>
5 <u>Development</u>	<u>Research,</u>		
6	<u>Development and</u>		
7	<u>Student Achievement</u>		
8	<u>Institute</u>		

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10 **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA c. 383, sub-c. 10** is enacted to read:

11 **SUBCHAPTER 10**

12 **MAINE WORKFORCE, RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND STUDENT**
13 **ACHIEVEMENT INSTITUTE**

14 **§13120-T. Maine Workforce, Research, Development and Student Achievement**
15 **Institute**

16 **1. Institute established.** The Maine Workforce, Research, Development and Student
17 Achievement Institute, as established in Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 6-I and referred
18 to in this subchapter as "the institute," is established to collect and analyze information
19 related to workforce training, research and development, student debt and economic
20 advancement in the State, to make policy recommendations to the Legislature and to
21 conduct targeted research for the Legislature.

22 **2. Steering committee.** The Maine Workforce, Research, Development and Student
23 Achievement Institute Steering Committee, referred to in this section as "the steering
24 committee," is established to advise the Legislature and the University of Maine System
25 on all matters related to the institute. With the exception of ex officio members, steering
26 committee members serve for a term of 2 years as follows:

27 **A.** The President of the Senate shall appoint:

- 28 (1) One member from a private college in the State;
29 (2) One member from the Maine Community College System;
30 (3) One member from a regional economic development organization serving one
31 or more of the following: Aroostook County, Franklin County, Oxford County,
32 Piscataquis County, Somerset County and Washington County;
33 (4) One member from a statewide organization responsible for business attraction
34 and expansion;
35 (5) One member involved in adult education;
36 (6) One member involved in career and technical education;
37 (7) One member employed in the public sector; and

