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report out a bill to the First Regular Session of the 131st Legislature based on the report.

Sec. 7. Precedent established by Public Utilities Commission. The provisions of this Act may not be interpreted to modify or nullify the analytical framework and precedent for analyzing whether an entity is a transmission and distribution utility or a competitive electricity provider established by the Public Utilities Commission in opinions and orders issued prior to the effective date of this Act, including, but not limited to, opinions and orders issued under Docket Number 2000-653, Request for Commission Investigation Regarding the Plans of Boralex Stratton Energy, Inc. to Provide Electric Service Directly from Stratton Lumber Company and Docket Number 2011-200, ReEnergy Rumford, LLC, Request for Advisory Ruling.

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CHAPTER 237

S.P. 340 - L.D. 1072

An Act Regarding Career and Technical Education, Adult Education and Memoranda of Understanding with Community Colleges and the University of Maine System

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §8308 is enacted to read:

<u>§8308. Memorandum of understanding for</u> <u>educational programs</u>

A center or region, adult education program pursuant to chapter 315 and a community college or university may enter into a memorandum of understanding with one another pursuant to this section to provide educational programs to career and technical education and adult education students. For the purposes of this section, "community college" means a community college of the Maine Community College System and "university" means a university of the University of Maine System. A memorandum of understanding under this section must include the following components.

1. Schedules. The center or region, adult education program and the community college or university must address how to align schedules to allow students to take courses through the community college or university.

2. Postsecondary credit. The community college or university shall grant full credit to any student who successfully completes a course at the community college or university provided pursuant to this section. The course must apply to graduation requirements at the

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community college or university in which it was taken or be transferable to another community college or university on an equal basis with a course taken by any other student at the community college or university.

3. Funding. Funding for career and technical education students attending courses at a community college or university may be provided in accordance with section 15689-A, subsection 23 or chapter 208-A.

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CHAPTER 238

S.P. 373 - L.D. 1111

An Act To Update the Statutes Governing Membership of the Board of Trustees of the Maine Veterans' Homes

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

Sec. 1. 37-B MRSA §603, as amended by PL 2015, c. 397, §10 and PL 2019, c. 377, §6, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§603. Board of trustees

1. Administration of the homes. The administration of the homes is vested in the Board of Trustees of the Maine Veterans' Homes, as authorized by Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 34.

Appointment; composition. The board consists of 11 members, one of whom must be the Director of the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services, ex officio, who serves without term. The Governor shall appoint the remaining members. The board shall submit a list of nominees to the Governor for the Governor's consideration. The board shall request established veterans' service organizations with chapters in the State and organizations and individuals who have demonstrated leadership in their fields to submit names of nominees to the board. The membership of the board must reflect the diversity of the State, including, but not limited to, diversity in geographic location, cultural and ethnic background, sexual orientation, gender identity and professional experience. The majority of board members must be honorably discharged veterans.

3. Terms; vacancies. Except for the Director of the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services, board members serve 3-year terms and are limited to serving 3 full terms. In the event of a vacancy, a successor may be appointed to complete a member's unexpired term or to a new 3-year term. Each member continues to hold office until a successor is appointed.

Sec. 2. 37-B MRSA §604, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2001, c. 676, §2, is further amended to read: