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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,
TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

Augusta, Maine
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Sec. 2. Framework; report. In collaboration with the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Maine Emergency Management Agency and interested parties, the Department of Environmental Protection shall develop a framework for the collection and safe storage of firefighting and fire-suppressing foams to which perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances have been intentionally added that are subject to the manufacturing, sale and distribution prohibition under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 424-C, subsection 4 and not returned to the manufacturer of the foam pursuant to a recall issued in accordance with Title 38, section 424-C, subsection 5, paragraph B until the foams can be safely disposed of. On or before March 1, 2022, the department shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources that includes the proposed framework and any recommended legislation. The joint standing committee may report out a bill based upon the report to the 130th Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 450
S.P. 490 - L.D. 1517**

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

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

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

6-I.

<u>Economic Development</u>	<u>Maine Workforce, Research, Development and Student Achievement Institute</u>	<u>Not Authorized</u>	<u>5 MRSA §13120-T</u>
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This subsection is repealed September 1, 2024.

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

SUBCHAPTER 10

MAINE WORKFORCE, RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT INSTITUTE

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

1. Institute established. The Maine Workforce, Research, Development and Student Achievement

Institute, as established in Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 6-I and referred to in this subchapter as "the institute," is established to collect and analyze information related to workforce training and cost drivers for training, research and development, student debt and economic advancement in the State, to make policy recommendations to the Legislature and to conduct targeted research for the Legislature.

2. Legislature to contract with university. The Legislature, through the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over innovation, development, economic advancement and business matters, shall contract with the University of Maine System to establish and maintain the institute. Personnel coordinating the work of the institute must be appointed by the University of Maine System in consultation with the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over innovation, development, economic advancement and business matters, and those personnel shall consult with and act on behalf of the Legislature, performing such data collection, analysis and research as the Legislature may require.

3. State economic plan. The institute shall align its work with the priorities of the State's economic development strategy developed by the department pursuant to this chapter.

4. Steering committee. The Maine Workforce, Research, Development and Student Achievement Institute Steering Committee, referred to in this section as "the steering committee," is established to advise the Legislature and the University of Maine System on all matters related to the institute. With the exception of ex officio members, steering committee members must be appointed by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over innovation, development, economic advancement and business matters for a term of 2 years. The steering committee shall meet at least 4 times each year and must include the following:

- A. One member from the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation;
- B. One member from the department;
- C. One member from the Department of Labor or the State Workforce Board, established under Title 26, section 2006;
- D. One member from the University of Maine System;
- E. One member from the Maine Community College System;
- F. One member from a statewide organization representing business interests in the State;
- G. One member from a statewide organization responsible for promotion of individual economic opportunities;

H. One member from a regional development organization serving one or more of the following: Aroostook County, Franklin County, Oxford County, Piscataquis County, Somerset County and Washington County;

I. One member who is involved in career and technical education;

J. One member who is employed in the public sector;

K. One member who is employed in the private sector;

L. The State Economist, who serves ex officio; and

M. The chief executive officer of the Finance Authority of Maine or the chief executive officer's designee, who serves ex officio.

The steering committee shall elect a chair from among its members to serve a term of 2 years.

5. Location and access. The analysis, recommendations and research results gathered pursuant to this subchapter must be maintained by the institute at the University of Maine System and must be available for use by any interested group or individual.

6. Sunset. This section is repealed September 1, 2024.

Sec. 3. Sunset review. During the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over innovation, development, economic advancement and business matters shall examine and review the work of the Maine Workforce, Research, Development and Student Achievement Institute established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 13120-T in order to make a decision regarding the continuation of the institute. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over innovation, development, economic advancement and business matters may report out a bill based on that review to the 131st Legislature.

Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

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Legislature 0081

Initiative: Appropriates funds for the costs to the Legislature to contract with the University of Maine System to establish and maintain, for its duration, the Maine Workforce, Research, Development and Student Achievement Institute.

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$100,000	\$100,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$100,000	\$100,000

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CHAPTER 451

S.P. 548 - L.D. 1692

An Act To Improve Judicial Branch Facilities in Hancock County

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

Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §1610-I, as reallocated by PL 2017, c. 288, Pt. A, §2, is amended to read:

§1610-I. Additional securities; ~~Judicial Branch~~ judicial branch

Notwithstanding any limitation on the amount of securities that may be issued pursuant to section 1606, subsection 2, the authority may issue additional securities from time to time in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$95,600,000 outstanding at any one time for the purposes of paying the costs associated with the planning, purchasing, financing, acquiring, constructing, renovating, furnishing, equipping, improving, extending, enlarging and consolidating new and existing facilities and projects relating to the ~~Judicial Branch~~ judicial branch in the counties of Oxford, Waldo and York, acquiring and improving property relating to the judicial branch in Hancock County and planning for other court facilities.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 452

H.P. 822 - L.D. 1144

An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Advance Health Care Directives

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

Sec. 1. 18-C MRSA §5-803-A is enacted to read:

§5-803-A. Remote signing of advance health care directives in health care facilities

When a principal in a hospital or a residential health care facility has an infectious disease and is confined to a room or ward where isolation precautions prevent the physical presence of individuals or documents necessary for executing the principal's advance health care directives, staff, employees and agents of a hospital or a residential health care facility where the principal is located may assist and facilitate the execution of advance health care directives using the process provided in this section.

The principal may direct another individual physically located beyond the isolation area but in the same