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LD 1517 An Act To Establish the Maine Workforce, Research, Development and Student Achievement Institute

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 450 establishes the Maine Workforce, Research, Development and Student Achievement Institute and a related steering committee to advise the Legislature on matters related to workforce training, research and development, student debt and economic advancement in the State. The law directs the institute to align its work with the priorities established by the State's economic development strategy developed by the Department of Economic and Community Development. The law describes the 13 required steering committee members and establishes that each member, other than ex officio members, serves a two-year term and that the steering committee meets at least four times per year. The Institute is repealed on September 1, 2024. Finally, the law appropriates \$100,000 for the Legislature to contract with the University of Maine System to establish and maintain the institute for its duration.

LD 1533 An Act To Amend the Foreign Credentialing and Skills Recognition Revolving Loan Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 133 amends the Foreign Credentialing and Skills Recognition Revolving Loan Program to reflect changes in federal regulations, including:

1. Adding as a loan-eligible expense the costs of the filing fee for an immigrant's initial work permit application;
2. Defining "initial work permit";
3. Ensuring that a change in federal regulations will not require a future amendment of the statute governing eligibility under the program; and
4. In the statute governing eligibility under the program, changing a specific time frame while waiting for asylum to an unspecified time period while waiting on an application for asylum or other immigrant benefit or relief.