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S.P. 490

In Senate, April 20, 2021

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.

DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

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Presented by Senator CURRY of Waldo.

Cosponsored by Senator: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

Be it enacted by	the People of the State of	f Maine as follows:	
Sec. 1. 5 M	RSA §12004-I, sub-§6-	I is enacted to read:	
<u>6-I.</u>			
Economic Development	Maine Workforce, Research, Development and Student Achievemen Institute	Not Authorized  t	5 MRSA §13120-T
Sec. 2. 5 M	RSA c. 383, sub-c. 10 is	s enacted to read:	
	<b>SUBCH</b>	APTER 10	
MAINE WO	ORKFORCE, RESEARC ACHIEVEME	CH, DEVELOPMEN ENT INSTITUTE	NT AND STUDENT
§13120-T. Mai Institute	ne Workforce, Research	n, Development and	d Student Achievement
	established. The Maine W	Varkforga Dagaarah	Davalanment and Student
Achievement Inst to in this subchar related to workfoodvancement in	itute, as established in Title oter as "the institute," is corce training, research are the State, to make policy research for the Legislatur	e 5, section 12004-I, sestablished to collect and development, stur recommendations to	subsection 6-I and referred and analyze information dent debt and economic
Achievement Inscommittee," is eson all matters rela	titute Steering Committee tablished to advise the Leated to the institute. With ers serve for a term of 2 years.	e, referred to in this gislature and the Un the exception of ex	s section as "the steering iversity of Maine System
A. The President	dent of the Senate shall ap	point:	
(1) One 1	member from a private col	lege in the State;	
(2) One 1	member from the Maine C	ommunity College S	ystem;
or more	member from a regional ecof the following: Aroosto is County, Somerset County	ok County, Franklin	County, Oxford County,
(4) One and expan	member from a statewide onsion;	organization responsi	ble for business attraction
(5) One 1	member involved in adult	education;	
(6) One	member involved in career	and technical educa	tion;
(7) One 1	member employed in the p	ublic sector; and	

1	(8) One member employed in the private sector;
2	B. The Speaker of the House shall appoint:
3 4 5	(1) One House member from the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over innovation, development, economic advancement and business matters;
6	(2) One member from the University of Maine System;
7	(3) One member from the Maine Municipal Association;
8	(4) One member from the department;
9 10	(5) One member from the State Workforce Board, established under Title 26, section 2006;
11	(6) One member from the Department of Labor;
12 13	(7) One member from a statewide organization representing business interests in the State; and
14 15	(8) One member from a state-based organization involved in workforce and business policy and development;
16	C. The State Economist, who serves ex officio; and
17 18	D. The chief executive officer of the Finance Authority of Maine or the chief executive officer's designee, who serves ex officio.
19 20	The steering committee shall elect a chair from among its members to serve a term of 2 years and shall meet at least 4 times each year.
21 22 23	3. 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 and must be available for use by any interested group or individual.
24	SUMMARY
25 26 27 28 29	This bill 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 bill describes the 18 required steering committee members and establishes that each member, other than ex officio members, serves a 2-year term and
30	that the steering committee meets at least 4 times per year.