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An Act To Promote Workforce Education Attainment

Reported by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock for the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs pursuant to Joint Order 2017, S.P. 293.

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

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

2 **Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §2006, sub-§1, ¶¶I and J**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 114,
3 §10, are amended to read:

4 I. Providing policy recommendations to ensure the effectiveness of work-related
5 programs and services for youth, including youth with disabilities; ~~and~~

6 J. Providing policy recommendations to ensure the effectiveness of work-related
7 programs and services for "at-risk" youth; and

8 **Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §2006, sub-§1, ¶K** is enacted to read:

9 K. Supporting and tracking progress toward an attainment goal of increasing the
10 percent of working-age adults holding a high-value certificate, college degree,
11 vocational education or other industry-recognized credential to 60% by 2025 with a
12 focus on meeting future workforce needs and reporting annually on progress to the
13 joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and
14 cultural affairs and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction
15 over labor, business, research and economic development matters.

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill adds supporting an attainment goal of increasing the percent of working-age
18 adults holding a high-value certificate, college degree, vocational education or other
19 industry-recognized credential to 60% by 2025 with a focus on meeting future workforce
20 needs to the list of responsibilities of the State Workforce Investment Board. The board
21 may seek information from the Maine Workforce and Education Coalition in regards to
22 an attainment goal. It also directs the Workforce Investment Board to track the State's
23 progress toward the attainment goal and to annually report on the progress to the joint
24 standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural
25 affairs and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor,
26 business, research and economic development matters.

27 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

28 **(See attached)**