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**Resolve, Directing the Maine Community College System To
Evaluate the Need To Expand Workforce Training Options in
Waldo County**

Reference to the Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HERBIG of Waldo.
Cosponsored by Representative KINNEY of Knox and
Representatives: CUDDY of Winterport, DODGE of Belfast, ZEIGLER of Montville.

1 **Sec. 1. Expanding workforce training options in Waldo County;**
2 **evaluation. Resolved:** That the Maine Community College System shall evaluate the
3 unmet need and capacity for expanding workforce training options in Waldo County with
4 the goal of providing additional capacity for training in the most accessible platform
5 possible in industries with identified employee shortages. In conducting the evaluation,
6 the Maine Community College System shall examine the following industries and trades:

- 7 1. Nursing or other medical trades;
- 8 2. Composites manufacturing;
- 9 3. Carpentry;
- 10 4. Electrical trades;
- 11 5. Millwright trades; and
- 12 6. Ventilation, air conditioning, refrigeration, plumbing and heating.

13 The Maine Community College System shall use its established methods and
14 practices in assessing the need for expanded workforce training options in Waldo County.

15 **Sec. 2. Strategies for expanding workforce training options. Resolved:**
16 That, if the Maine Community College System, while conducting the study in section 1,
17 finds that a need for workforce training options exists in any of the industries and trades
18 examined, the Maine Community College System shall assess the best way to increase
19 capacity and opportunity. Potential strategies for the consideration include but are not
20 limited to:

- 21 1. Expanding access through Maine Quality Centers under the Maine Revised
22 Statutes, Title 20-A, section 12727;
- 23 2. Long-distance learning options; and
- 24 3. Colocation or collaboration with other learning institutions.

25 **Sec. 3. Report. Resolved:** That, by December 4, 2019, the Maine Community
26 College System shall submit a report based on its evaluation in section 1 identifying if
27 and where needs exist and outlining the best options to meet those needs to the Joint
28 Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and
29 Business. The report, including suggested legislation, must include but is not limited to:

- 30 1. What unmet workforce training needs exist;
- 31 2. What industries should be prioritized for expanded workforce training options;
- 32 3. The best methods for expanding workforce training options;
- 33 4. Costs and facility needs for expanding workforce training programming; and

