

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 186

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7 H.P. 152

House of Representatives, January 29, 1985

8 Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs
9 suggested and ordered printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Beaulieu of Portland.

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12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
16

17 AN ACT to Establish a Fire Fighter Training
18 Facilities Grant Program.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 Appropriation. The following funds are appropri-
23 ated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes
24 of this Act.

| | <u>1985-86</u> | <u>1986-87</u> |
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| 26 | <u>EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL</u> | |
| 27 | <u>SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF</u> | |
| 28 | Fire Fighter Training | |
| 29 | Facilities Grant Program | |
| 30 | All Other | \$40,000 \$40,000 |
| 31 | Grant funds | |
| 32 | shall be awarded | |

1 each year by the
2 training facili-
3 ties subcommit-
4 tee of the Com-
5 missioner's Ad-
6 visory Committee
7 for Fire Service
8 Training, which
9 shall establish
10 eligibility cri-
11 teria based on
12 statewide need,
13 impact of each
14 proposed project
15 and past grant
16 awards. Admin-
17 istration of the
18 grant procedure
19 shall be done by
20 the existing
21 staff of the
22 Fire Service
23 Training Pro-
24 gram, funds
25 shall be pro-
26 vided on a 20%
27 state-80% county
28 or local
29 "in-kind" match-
30 ing grant pro-
31 gram. "In-kind"
32 match shall in-
33 clude money, la-
34 bor, materials,
35 land and other
36 items of
37 establishable
38 value. State
39 share shall be
40 in dollars.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2 Presently, the vast majority of Maine's 12,000
3 fire fighters must train using makeshift facilities.
4 The use of dilapidated buildings, telephone pole lad-
5 der towers and other stop-gap measures presents a po-
6 tentially serious physical hazard to fire fighters
7 and a liability hazard to the fire department. The
8 State, through its Fire Service Training Program,
9 aids and supports local fire fighter training ef-
10 forts. State support in the construction of safe,
11 permanent, fire fighter training facilities is a log-
12 ical and important extension of present efforts. A
13 \$40,000 a year state funding would yield over
14 \$200,000 a year in training facilities construction
15 statewide. A 5-year effort should upgrade facilities
16 to acceptable levels.

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