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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President PRAY of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative CLARK of Millinocket, Senator PEARSON of Penobscot and Representative MICHAUD of East Millinocket.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

An Act to Provide for a Job Development Training Funding Capability within the Resources of the State Contingent Account.

(EMERGENCY)



2 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
as emergencies; and

4 Whereas, it is necessary to provide support for state
6 efforts to create jobs by assisting in meeting the training needs
of labor-intensive new or expanding industries; and

8 Whereas, it is necessary to provide an immediate response to
10 sudden decreases in employment, particularly in areas where the
economy is based primarily on a sole source; and

12 Whereas, a major employer in the northern Penobscot region
14 has announced the termination of 200 jobs in the fall of 1989 and
winter of 1990; and

16 Whereas, the increase in unemployment will create a serious
18 hardship for many citizens of the Penobscot and Piscataquis
areas; and

20 Whereas, assistance is required due to this unusual,
22 unforeseen and extraordinary need; and

24 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
26 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
28 safety; now, therefore,

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

32 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1507, first ¶,** as amended by PL 1987, c. 816,
Pt. N, §1, is further amended to read:

34 The Governor may allocate from the State Contingent Account
36 amounts not to exceed in total the ~~sum~~ sums of ~~\$1,350,000~~
\$1,425,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1990, and
38 \$1,350,000 in any fiscal year thereafter. The Governor may
allocate from such account amounts not to exceed in total the sum
40 of \$300,000 in any fiscal year in accordance with the purposes
specified in subsections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 4-A and ~~an amount~~ amounts
42 not to exceed ~~\$1,000,000~~ \$1,075,000 in the fiscal year ending
June 30, 1990, and \$1,000,000 in any fiscal year thereafter in
44 accordance with the purposes specified in subsection 5-A.

46 **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §1507, sub-§5-A,** as amended by PL 1989, c. 443,
§9, is further amended to read:

48 **5-A. Job development training.** The Governor may allocate
50 funds from such account in amounts not to exceed in total the ~~sum~~
sums of ~~\$1,000,000~~ \$1,075,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30,
52 1990, and \$1,000,000 in any fiscal year thereafter to provide
funds for any unusual, unforeseen or extraordinary needs for

2 state assistance in creating jobs by assisting in meeting the
3 training requirements of ~~labor-intensive~~ labor-intensive new or
4 expanding industries. Allocations for this purpose may be made
5 from this fund by the Governor only upon the written request of
6 the Commissioner of Labor and the Commissioner of Economic and
7 Community Development and after consultation with the State
8 Budget Officer. The commissioners' request to the Governor shall
9 be formulated subsequent to their consultation with the
10 Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services, the Executive
11 Director of the Maine Technical College System and the director
12 of the appropriate service delivery area as defined by the Job
13 Training Partnership Act.

14 **Sec. 3. 5 MRS §1507, next to the last ¶,** as amended by PL 1987,
15 c. 816, Pt. N, §3, is further amended to read:

16 At the close of each fiscal year, there shall be transferred
17 from the General Fund such amount as may be available from time
18 to time until the maximum of \$1,350,000 shall be achieved, except
19 that in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1990, the amount shall
20 not exceed \$1,425,000.

21 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
22 preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.
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24 STATEMENT OF FACT

25 This bill provides \$75,000 from the State Contingent Account
26 to provide immediate job training, unemployment counseling,
27 retraining and other assistance to workers displaced by Great
28 Northern Paper Company. This bill replicates legislation passed
29 in 1986 during a similar period of job terminations in the
30 Millinocket area.
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