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tificate of completion is submitted, the certified applicant is itself, or is the parent or subsidiary of, an entity that satisfies all of the criteria in subsection 1, paragraph J, ~~subparagraphs (1) and (5),~~ the commissioner shall issue a certificate of completion to the certified applicant as soon as is practical. The certificate of completion must state the amount of qualified investment made by the certified applicant.

Sec. 7. 36 MRSA §5219-VV, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2019, c. 659, Pt. H, §§3 and 4, is further amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

The commissioner may not issue certificates of approval under this subsection that total, in the aggregate, more than ~~$100,000,000~~ $200,000,000 of qualified investment or any individual certificate of approval for more than ~~$85,000,000~~ $100,000,000 of qualified investment.

Sec. 8. 36 MRSA §5219-VV, sub-§3, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 386, §2, is amended to read:

A. Subject to the limitations under paragraph B, beginning with the first full tax year after the certified applicant has been issued a certificate of completion under subsection 2, paragraph E or the tax year beginning on January 1, 2022, whichever is later, and for each of the following 19 tax years, a certified applicant is allowed a credit against the tax due under this Part for the taxable year in an amount equal to 1.8% of the certified applicant's qualified investment, except that, for a tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2027, a certified applicant is allowed a credit against the tax due under this Part for the taxable year in an amount equal to 2% of the certified applicant's qualified investment. A certified applicant may not claim a credit under this subsection for more than 20 years. If the certified applicant is a pass-through entity, the owner or owners of the certified applicant are allowed the credit. The credit allowed under this paragraph is refundable.

Sec. 9. 36 MRSA §5219-VV, sub-§3, ¶B, as amended by PL 2019, c. 659, Pt. H, §5, is further amended by repealing subparagraph (2).

Sec. 10. 36 MRSA §5219-VV, sub-§3, ¶B, as amended by PL 2019, c. 659, Pt. H, §5, is further amended by repealing subparagraph (4), division (a).

Sec. 11. 36 MRSA §5219-VV, sub-§3, ¶B, as amended by PL 2019, c. 659, Pt. H, §5, is further amended by amending subparagraph (4), division (c) to read:

(c) The annual income derived from employment with the certified applicant of at least 75% of the certified applicant's employees who have been employed by the certified applicant for at least 12 months exceeds the most recent annual per capita personal income in the county in which the facility is located.

Sec. 12. 36 MRSA §5219-VV, sub-§5, ¶A, as amended by PL 2019, c. 607, Pt. C, §7 and c. 659, Pt. H, §6, is further amended to read:

A. On or before March 1st of each year, a certified applicant shall file a report with the commissioner for the tax year ending during the immediately preceding calendar year, referred to in this subsection as "the report ~~year," containing~~ year." The report must include, at a minimum, metrics and other progress measures, including the following information:

(1) The number of full-time employees based in the State of the certified applicant on the last day of the report year; ~~and~~

(2) The incremental amount of qualified investment made in the report year~~.~~;

(3) The total number of full-time employees based in the State in the report year;

(4) The number of jobs offered by the certified applicant during the report year above the base level of employment; and

(5) The number of jobs that have been added since the day the certificate of approval was issued.

The commissioner may prescribe forms for the annual report described in this paragraph. The commissioner shall provide copies of the report to the assessor, to the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability and to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters at the time the report is received.

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CHAPTER 490

H.P. 1312 - L.D. 1968

An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Legislative Reimbursement

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

Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §2, 4th ¶, as amended by PL 2023, c. 2, §3, is further amended to read:

Except as provided in this section, each member of the Senate and House of Representatives is entitled to the travel-related expenses of a meal allowance in the amount of $50, or a higher amount set by the Legislative

Council, and a housing allowance in the amount of $70, or a higher amount set by the Legislative Council, for each day in attendance at sessions of the Legislature and for each day the member occupies overnight accommodations away from home either immediately preceding or immediately following attendance at daily sessions of the Legislature. The presiding officers may establish reasonable policies regarding allowances for meals and overnight accommodations for the day immediately preceding the session, which may include policies regarding whether an allowance is paid, whether the full amount or a portion of the ~~statutory~~ allowance is paid and whether receipts are required. In lieu of the meal and housing allowance, each member is entitled to a daily meal allowance ~~in the amount of $50~~ and actual daily mileage. Each member of the Senate also receives an annual allowance for constituent services in the amount of $2,000, $1,300 in January and $700 in the month following adjournment of the regular session. Each member of the House of Representatives also receives an annual allowance for constituent services in the amount of $1,500, $1,005 in January and $495 in the month following adjournment of the regular session. Notwithstanding this section, during the first regular session of each legislative biennium, a member of the Senate or the House of Representatives may elect to receive the first payment of the annual allowance for constituent services in December following convening of the Legislature by notifying the Executive Director of the Legislative Council in the manner prescribed by the executive director. The Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall inform Legislators of the choice available for payment of the allowance for constituent services in the first year of the legislative biennium and of any tax implications associated with exercising that choice. To set the amount of an allowance under this paragraph, at least 6 members of the Legislative Council must vote in favor of the allowance at the beginning of the first regular session or second regular session of a legislative biennium. The amount of an allowance set by the Legislative Council under this paragraph may not exceed the regular federal per diem rate for lodging, meals and incidental expenses applicable to that allowance.

Sec. 2. 3 MRSA §2, 11th ¶, as amended by PL 2023, c. 2, §5, is further amended to read:

The President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the floor leaders and their assistants and members of a committee, with the approval of the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives as to members of a committee, may also meet on days when the Legislature is not in daily session at any convenient location within the State. Each member of the Senate and House of Representatives is entitled to receive $55 for every day's attendance when meetings or daily sessions are held and the travel-related expenses of a meal allowance in the amount of $50, or a higher amount set by the Legislative Council, and a housing allowance whereby actual lodging expenses will be reimbursed at the single-room rate, as long as a receipt is submitted to the Executive Director of the Legislative Council for each day in attendance at such meetings or daily sessions and for each day that member occupies overnight accommodations away from home either immediately preceding or immediately following attendance at daily sessions of the Legislature and actual daily mileage allowances at the rate of 55¢ per mile or the federal standard mileage rate, whichever is lower, for travel to and from that Legislator's place of abode, the mileage to be determined by the most reasonable direct route. In lieu of the meal and housing allowance, each member ~~shall be~~ is entitled to a daily meal allowance ~~in the amount of $50~~ and actual daily mileage allowances. To set the amount of an allowance under this paragraph, at least 6 members of the Legislative Council must vote in favor of the allowance at the beginning of the first regular session or second regular session of a legislative biennium. The amount of an allowance set by the Legislative Council under this paragraph may not exceed the regular federal per diem rate for lodging, meals and incidental expenses applicable to that allowance.

Sec. 3. 3 MRSA §2, 13th ¶, as amended by PL 1989, c. 501, Pt. O, §6; c. 600, Pt. B, §§9 and 10; and c. 878, Pt. D, §§14 and 15, is further amended to read:

If a member of the Legislature dies or otherwise vacates the office, the successor is entitled to a salary from the date of seating~~, computed as follows: two hundred ten dollars per week times the number of weeks remaining in the calendar year if the vacancy occurs in the first year and $150 per week for the number of weeks remaining in the calendar year if the vacancy occurs in the 2nd year~~ equal to the salary that would have been afforded to the successor had the successor been seated at the start of the biennium, except that the salary must be prorated from the date the successor is sworn into office.

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CHAPTER 491

S.P. 776 - L.D. 1981

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Emergency Medical Services' Board and the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Emergency Medical Services in the State

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-A, sub-§15-A is enacted to read: