

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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In Senate, March 6, 1973

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Tanous of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Establishing the Maine Training Fund for Employment in Industry.

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

R. S., T. 26, c. 13, sub-c. IX, additional. Chapter 13 of Title 26 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding a new subchapter IX to read as follows:

**SUBCHAPTER IX
TRAINING FUND**

§ 1275. Maine Training Fund

The Maine Training Fund is created for the purpose of providing funds for training for employment in Maine not otherwise eligible for funding under any other state or federal program and shall be administered by the commission (Employment Security) as provided for by this chapter. Moneys in the fund shall be used solely for the purposes of wage subsidies and instructional costs during the period of training in a program approved by the Bureau of Vocational Training.

1. Subsidies. Moneys shall be requisitioned from the state's account in the Maine Training Fund in accordance with regulations established by the commission. In addition to approval by the Bureau of Vocational Training, the Commissioner of Commerce and Industry shall certify that the employment positions to be eligible for wage subsidies are positions in new and expanding industries and are with firms that present a reasonable potential to enhance economic conditions in the area of Maine where located. The Commissioner of Commerce and Industry shall further certify that the em-

ployer will contribute up to $\frac{1}{2}$ of the cost of wage subsidies of employees under this program and that such training program as approved by the Bureau of Vocational Training shall not exceed 10 weeks. The full cost of instruction under this section is eligible for payment from the Maine Training Fund.

2. Payment. No expenditure of this fund shall be made unless and until the commission, by resolution duly entered in its minutes, finds that no other funds are available or can properly be used to finance such expenditures. The commission shall order the transfer of such funds or the payment of any such obligation and such funds shall be paid by the Treasurer of State on requisitions drawn by the commission directing the State Controller to issue his warrant therefor. Any such warrant shall be drawn by the State Controller based upon bills of particulars and vouchers certified by an officer or employee designated by the commission. Such certification shall among other things include a duly certified copy of the resolution of the commission.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The Maine Training Fund is to provide up to $\frac{1}{2}$ of a person's wage while being trained for employment in industries which are ineligible for existing state or federal training funds.