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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Kany of Waterville.

Cosponsors: Mr. Jacques of Waterville, Mr. Rolde of York, Mr. Birt of East Millinocket.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT Establishing Mechanisms to Pinpoint Responsibility and Facilitate
Coordination Between the Various Manpower Training and Economic
Development Programs.**

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA Pt. 21 is enacted to read:

PART 21

STATE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING COUNCIL

CHAPTER 405

STATE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING COUNCIL

§ 15701. State Employment and Training Council

The State Employment and Training Council is established in the Executive Department to carry out the purposes of this Part.

The State Employment and Training Council shall be appointed by the Governor, pursuant to the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1973,

as amended. An executive director and other employees may be appointed and employed consistent with that Act. The State Employment and Training Council shall be directly responsible to the Governor.

§ 15702. Powers and duties

The State Employment and Training Council shall serve as an advisory consultative, research, coordinating and administrative agency dealing with employment and training programs.

In addition to the powers and duties assigned to it by the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1973, as amended, and other federal legislation, the State Employment and Training Council shall have the following powers and duties:

1. **Coordinating information.** Coordinating information on all employment and training, education and related services provided by the State, by counties, by state education agencies and other appropriate institutions of vocational and higher education, state and local public assistance agencies and by other providers of those services within the State;
2. **Results.** Assuring that comprehensive employment and training plans do not unnecessarily result in the duplication of services;
3. **Promotion of employment and training.** Promoting employment and training planning that takes into account conditions prevailing in labor market areas which are not coincident with program jurisdictions, as well as related activities, such as community development, economic development, vocational education, vocational rehabilitation and social services;
4. **Exchange of information.** Exchanging of information with other states and agencies with respect to State, interstate and regional planning for economic development, human resource development, education and other subjects relevant to employment and training planning;
5. **Developing and providing information.** Developing and providing to agencies conducting employment and training programs information on a State and local area basis regarding economic, industrial and labor market conditions and occupational information and upon request, appropriate information and technical assistance to assist them in developing and implementing their programs;
6. **Review.** Reviewing continuously the operation, availability, responsiveness and adequacy of employment and training programs within the State and making recommendations to agencies providing the programs to the Governor and to the general public with respect to ways to improve the effectiveness of the programs or services;
7. **Report.** Making an annual report to the Governor which shall be a public document and issuing such other studies, reports or documents as it deems advisable to carry out the purposes of this Part;

8. Identifying needs. Identifying in coordination with other agencies the employment, training, and vocational education needs of the State and assessing the extent to which employment and training, vocational education, vocational rehabilitation, public assistance and other programs assisted under this Part and other Acts represent a consistent, integrated and coordinated approach to meeting these needs; and

9. Reviewing plans. Reviewing plans of all state agencies providing employment, training and related services and providing comments and recommendations to the Governor, the State agencies and the appropriate Federal agencies on the relevancy and effectiveness of employment, training and related service delivery systems in the State.

The State Employment and Training Council may accept cash and in-kind grants in and from the Federal Government or from any individual, foundation or corporation and expend them for purposes consistent with this Part.

§ 15703. Agencies to cooperate

State, county, local, and other sub-state agencies shall cooperate as requested with the State Employment and Training Council.

Sec. 2. 10 MRSA § 917, sub-§ 7, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 548, § 1, is amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read:

As one part of this coordination, the foundation shall, through the State Development Office, keep the Governor's office currently informed of its plans and activities.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purposes of this bill are as follows:

1. Section 1 establishes the State Employment and Training Council. This bill will not establish a new organization or require any new state funding since the State Employment and Training Council and its staff currently exist and are funded pursuant to federal law and administrative act of the Executive Branch.

2. Section 2 of the bill requires the Maine Development Foundation to keep the Governor's office informed of its activities through the State Development Office. This is to assure better communication in State Government development efforts.