

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-923)  
109TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1717, L.D. 1823, Bill, "AN ACT to Provide a Manpower Coordinator in the State Development Office and to Establish a Fund to Aid Manpower Services for Economic Development."

Amend the Bill by striking out all of the title and inserting in its place the following:

'AN ACT to Provide Funds for Vocational Training to Aid Manpower Services for Economic Development.'

Further amend the Bill by striking everything after the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1980-81

MAINE VOCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
COMMISSION  
All Other

\$125,000

This appropriation shall be used by the Maine Vocational Development Commission to provide vocational training assistance for new jobs to employers in new or expanding industry. In using these funds, the commission shall seek out and give special consideration to small businesses.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment provides funds to the Maine Vocational Development Commission to provide vocational training assistance for new jobs to employers in new or expanding industry, with special consideration given to small businesses.

In the past, the State has demonstrated a willingness to provide such training funds to large industries -- the Pratt Whitney funding program is an example. There has been little demonstration of willingness to fund training for small business. This amendment will provide such funds.