

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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(Governor's Bill)
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ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 1823

H. P. 1717

House of Representatives, January 18, 1980

On Motion of Mrs. Kany of Waterville, referred to the Committee on State Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk of the House

Presented by Mr. Kelleher of Bangor.

Cosponsor: Mr. Smith of Mars Hill.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY

AN ACT to Provide a Manpower Coordinator in the State Development Office and to Establish a Fund to Aid Manpower Services for Economic Development.

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA § 1507, first sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 771, § 67, is amended to read:

The Governor may allocate from the State Contingent Account amounts not to exceed in total the sum of ~~\$350,000~~ **\$600,000** in any fiscal year.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA § 1507, sub-§ 6-A is enacted to read:

§ 6-A. Manpower services for economic development. An amount of \$125,000 shall be reserved for manpower services for economic development, including industrial training and other manpower services. An amount in excess of \$125,000 may be used for manpower services for economic development in any fiscal year. The Governor may allocate funds for manpower services for economic development upon the request of the Director of the State Development Office and upon consultation with the State Budget Officer. In making the request, the Director of State Development Office shall consult with the Commissioner of Manpower Affairs and the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services.

Sec. 3. 5 MRSA § 1507, next to last ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 771, § 67, is amended to read:

At the close of each fiscal year, there shall be transferred from the General Fund such amount as may be available from time to time until the maximum of ~~\$350,000~~ **\$600,000** shall be achieved.

Sec. 4. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1980-81
STATE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE	
Positions	(1)
Personal Services	\$23,594
All Other	3,000
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Total	\$26,594

Provides funds for a Manpower Services Coordinator in the State Development Office to coordinate training programs and other manpower services for business assistance.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Many states, as part of their economic development programs, provide manpower services to businesses. The manpower services include labor market information, help with employee recruitment and assistance in training new employees. The importance of these services can be shown by Maine's experience with the Pratt and Whitney Corporation. The corporation has indicated that the involvement of the Maine Job Service in the recruitment of workers and of the vocational education system in training them is an important part of their reasons for first locating in Maine and now expanding beyond their initial plans.

This bill allows the State to aggressively use manpower services as a tool for industrial development. These services can be supplied to both new and existing business, regardless of size.

The principal use of the funds is to provide short-term industrial training.

The establishment of a reserved pool of funds for manpower services within the Governor's Contingent Account assures that:

1. The funds will only be utilized to provide services which cannot be funded or provided by existing vocational education, CETA, Maine Job Service or other programs;

2. In committing the funds, the Governor will receive the advice of the Commissioners of Educational and Cultural Services and of Manpower Affairs, the State Budget Officer and the Director of the State Development Office;

3. There will be a consistent level of program support so that manpower services can be a more effective economic development tool for state, regional and local economic developers; and

4. There will be a clear record of how the funds are utilized.

The Manpower Services Coordinator, to be established in the State Development Office, will allow the office to work effectively with the vocational educational system, the Maine Job Service, manpower information services, CETA programs, and other manpower programs.