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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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7 H.P. 1229

House of Representatives, May 17, 1983

8 Submitted by the State Development Office pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

9 Referred to the Committee on State Government. Sent up for concurrence
and ordered printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Erwin of Rumford.

11 Cosponsors: Representative Melendy of Rockland and Representative
Norton of Biddeford.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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17 AN ACT to Establish Job Development and
18 Entrepreneurial Training Funds Within the
19 State Development Office.
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
22 follows:

23 5 MRSA §7002, sub-§2, ¶K is enacted to read:

24 K. The director may make grants or enter into
25 contracts for job development and entrepreneurial
26 training from funds established by appropriations
27 therefor, to any appropriately licensed and ac-
28 credited institution of learning, including pri-
29 vate and proprietary colleges; the state univer-
30 sity system; the vocational-technical institutes
31 and vocational regions and centers; and busi-
32 nesses offering organized and established train-
33 ing programs, provided that these funds shall be
34 awarded only to cover the necessary expenses of
35 developing and implementing training programs for

1 individuals and firms, partnerships or corpora-
2 tions and their employees. The Legislature shall
3 make annual appropriations to the State Develop-
4 ment Office for the purposes of this paragraph.
5 Funds unexpended shall not lapse but shall be
6 carried forward.

7 STATEMENT OF FACT

8 The future health of the Maine economy will
9 depend in part upon the state's success in helping
10 existing and new businesses to acquire a skilled
11 labor force. The job development and entrepreneurial
12 training funds will help demonstrate the state's com-
13 mitment to this end and will better meld our job
14 attraction and job training programs. Specifically,
15 the job development fund will be used to train or
16 retrain labor for businesses in the process of
17 expanding and to recruit and train labor for new
18 businesses locating in the State. The
19 entrepreneurial training fund will be used to train
20 entrepreneurs in Maine in order to provide them with
21 the assistance they need to improve the success rate
22 of their businesses. By using existing educational
23 institutions and businesses experienced in providing
24 training, the programs will help avoid a costly
25 duplication of training space and equipment and would
26 need no administrative structure. Appropriations for
27 the job development and entrepreneurial training funds
28 have been included in the Governor's Part II Budget
29 request.

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