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Reported by Representative Theriault from the Joint Select Committee on Job Training and printed under Joint Rule 2.

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Original bill presented by Representative Benoit of So. Portland.  
Cosponsored by Senator Dow of Kennebec, Representative Rotondi of Athens and Representative Joseph of Waterville.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR

AN ACT to Update the Job Opportunities  
Act of 1981.

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

Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §974, sub-§1, ¶¶E and F, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 519, §6, are amended to read:

E. Recommendations as to further actions which may be suitable for achieving the purposes of this chapter; and

F. A statement of the defaults, if any, of persons, firms, corporations and other organizations receiving assistance under this chapter. This information shall also be cumulative and shall include an annual default rate as a percentage of the total amount of moneys provided in this chapter; and

1           Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §974, sub-§1, ¶G is enacted to  
2 read:

3           G. A description of the actual and potential em-  
4 ployment opportunities that have been and are be-  
5 ing developed for recipients of Aid to Families  
6 with Dependent Children pursuant to section 979.

7           Sec. 3. 10 MRSA §979 is enacted to read:

8           §979. Employment plan for recipients of Aid to Fami-  
9 lies with Dependent Children

10           1. Employment Plan. The Finance Authority of  
11 Maine and its chief executive officer shall ensure  
12 that each applicant for assistance from the various  
13 programs administered by the authority submits an em-  
14 ployment plan describing potential opportunities for  
15 recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Chil-  
16 dren, including types of jobs, skills and training  
17 necessary for placement, and training the applicant  
18 could provide. This provision shall apply only to  
19 those applicants with more than 5 employees.

20           2. Rules. The Finance Authority of Maine shall  
21 promulgate rules for the implementation of this sec-  
22 tion.

23           Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §3772, sub-§4, as amended by PL  
24 1981, c. 617, §2, is further amended to read:

25           4. Registrant. "Registrant" means an applicant  
26 or a recipient of Aid to Families with Dependent  
27 Children under the United States Social Security Act,  
28 Title IV (A) who has registered with the Welfare, Em-  
29 ployment, Education and Training Program of the De-  
30 partment of Human Services or its successors for man-  
31 power services, education, training, supportive  
32 services and employment under the Work Incentive Pro-  
33 gram or the Work Incentive Demonstration Program pur-  
34 suant to the United States Social Security Act, Title  
35 IV (C) or its successors.

36           Sec. 5. 22 MRSA §3773, as enacted by PL 1981, c.  
37 512, §16, is repealed and the following enacted in  
38 its place:

1 §3773. Maine Aid to Families with Dependent Children  
2 Coordinating Committee

3 1. Committee established. There is established  
4 the Maine Aid to Families with Dependent Children Co-  
5 ordinating Committee, consisting of the Commissioner  
6 of Human Services, Commissioner of Labor and Commis-  
7 sioner of Educational and Cultural Services, or their  
8 designees.

9 2. Committee purpose. The purpose of this com-  
10 mittee is to carry out state policy and legislative  
11 intent to provide educational, training and job op-  
12 portunities for Aid to Families with Dependent Chil-  
13 dren recipients pursuant to this chapter.

14 3. Duties and responsibilities. The duties and  
15 responsibilities of the committee shall include:

16 A. Reviewing the plans of the Welfare Employ-  
17 ment, Education and Training Program;

18 B. Reviewing priorities and allocations of funds  
19 under the Welfare Employment, Education and  
20 Training Program;

21 C. Establishment of an advisory council pursuant  
22 to section 3774;

23 D. Facilitation of the development of training,  
24 educational and placement opportunities pursuant  
25 to section 3775;

26 E. Provision of information to staff of the Wel-  
27 fare Employment, Education and Training Program  
28 about the availability of education and training  
29 opportunities within the State;

30 F. Ensuring that there is substantial coordina-  
31 tion between the Welfare Employment, Education  
32 and Training Program and the Federal Job Training  
33 Partnership Act or its successors; and

34 G. Implementation of any other responsibilities  
35 and duties, in accordance with any pertinent fed-  
36 eral and state law, any additions thereto and any  
37 regulations promulgated under that law.

1           Sec. 6. 22 MRSA §3774, sub-§§1 and 2, as enacted  
2 by PL 1981, c. 512, §16, is amended to read:

3           1. Members. The advisory council established  
4 pursuant to section 3773, subsection 3, paragraph 6 C  
5 shall include at least the following members:

6           A. Two recipients of benefits under the Aid to  
7 Families with Dependent Children Program;

8           B. One representative of employers within the  
9 State;

10          C. One representative of organized labor;

11          D. One member of the Maine Commission for Women;  
12 and

13          E. One or more representatives of organizations  
14 or agencies which have experience in addressing  
15 the training, education and job needs of low-  
16 income women.

17          2. Purpose. The purpose of the advisory council  
18 shall be to advise the ~~Commissioners~~ Commissioner of  
19 Human Services, ~~Manpower Affairs~~ Commissioner of  
20 Labor and Commissioner of Educational and Cultural  
21 Services as they carry out the purposes of this chap-  
22 ter.

23           Sec. 7. 22 MRSA §3776, as amended by PL 1981, c.  
24 617, §§3 to 5, is further amended to read:

25           §3776. Welfare Employment, Education and Training  
26           Program

27          1. Authorization. The Department of Human Ser-  
28 vices is authorized to administer and operate,  
29 jointly in cooperation with the Department of Labor  
30 and ~~in consultation with~~ the Department of Education-  
31 al and Cultural Services, ~~a Work Incentive the Wel-~~  
32 fare Employment, Education and Training Program, in  
33 accordance with federal law, any amendments and addi-  
34 tions thereto, and any regulations promulgated under  
35 those laws.

1           2. Purpose. The purpose of the Work Incentive  
2 Welfare Employment, Education and Training Program  
3 shall be to use available educational, vocational,  
4 supportive and employment services within the State,  
5 in order to help recipients find and keep employment  
6 and, to the extent possible, to eliminate their de-  
7 pendency on public assistance.

8           3. Assessment. The assessment for a registrant  
9 shall be as follows.

10           A. The assessment procedure for each registrant  
11 shall be accomplished through direct personal  
12 contact with staff of the Work Incentive Program  
13 or the Work Incentive Demonstration Welfare Em-  
14 ployment, Education and Training Program. The  
15 staff shall be advised by the Department of Edu-  
16 cational and Cultural Services of all available  
17 education and training opportunities, and shall  
18 make that information available to each regis-  
19 trant during the assessment process.

20           B. The registrant shall participate fully in the  
21 assessment process.

22           C. If the registrant is dissatisfied with the  
23 employability plan established through the as-  
24 sessment process, he may appeal this determina-  
25 tion through the Work Incentive Welfare Employ-  
26 ment, Education and Training Program adjudication  
27 system.

28           4. Employability plan. There shall be an em-  
29 ployability plan that sets forth the registrant's oc-  
30 cupational goal, and the manpower and supportive ser-  
31 vices necessary to reach that goal. The plan shall  
32 be designed to lead to employment and ultimately to  
33 self support. The registrant shall participate fully  
34 in the development of the plan. Resources of the De-  
35 partment of Human Services, Department of Labor and  
36 the Department of Educational and Cultural Services  
37 shall be utilized in the development and goals of the  
38 plan.

39           5. Supportive services. Each registrant shall  
40 receive the supportive and manpower services neces-  
41 sary to participate successfully in any education,

1 training and employment program in accordance with  
2 the registrant's employability plan.

3 6. Education and training opportunities. In the  
4 development of the employability plan, all available  
5 education and training opportunities, including, but  
6 not limited to, opportunities available through the  
7 use of funds other than those available under the  
8 Work Incentive Welfare Employment, Education and  
9 Training Program shall be considered. Consistent with  
10 federal law and regulation, a waiver of any federal  
11 time limitation on training shall be requested from  
12 the appropriate federal authority when such a waiver  
13 is necessary to allow the registrant to complete the  
14 education or training program set forth in the em-  
15 ployability plan. Work Incentive Program benefits  
16 shall continue to be provided to any person for whom  
17 such a waiver is granted for the duration of their  
18 participation in the training for which the waiver  
19 was granted.

20 Sec. 8. 22 MRSA §3778, ¶¶2 and 3, as enacted by  
21 PL 1981, c. 617, §6, are repealed.

22 STATEMENT OF FACT

23 The new draft corrects an address for a cross  
24 reference and changes Work Incentive Program to the  
25 new name Welfare Employment, Education and Training  
26 Program.

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