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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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7 H.P. 707

House of Representatives, March 13, 1985

8 On motion of Representative Carter of Winslow, referred to the
9 Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence
and ordered printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Carter of Winslow.

11 Cosponsored by Speaker Martin of Eagle Lake, President Pray of
Penobscot and Senator Kany of Kennebec.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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17 AN ACT to Provide for State Research Grants.
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19 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
20 follows:

21 Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004, sub-§8, ¶A, sub-¶(1-A),
22 as amended by PL 1983, c. 862, §§20 and 21, is fur-
23 ther amended to read:

24 (1-A) Business Pine Tree Expenses 10 MRSA §353
25 Partnership Only
26 Fund Board

27 Sec. 2. 10 MRSA c. 7 is enacted to read:

28 CHAPTER 7

29 PINE TREE PARTNERSHIP FUND

30 §351. Definitions

1 As used in this chapter, unless the context oth-
2 erwise indicates, the following terms have the fol-
3 lowing meanings.

4 1. Board. "Board" means the Pine Tree Partner-
5 ship Fund Board.

6 2. Fund. "Fund" means the Pine Tree Partnership
7 Fund.

8 3. Qualifying small business. "Qualifying small
9 business" means a business employing 50 or fewer em-
10 ployees.

11 §352. Fund established

12 There is established a Pine Tree Partnership Fund
13 which shall be used to provide funding for research
14 grants to small businesses within the State seeking
15 to develop or introduce advanced technology into the
16 marketplace. This fund shall be a nonlapsing fund.

17 §353. Board

18 1. Establishment; membership. There is estab-
19 lished the Pine Tree Partnership Fund Board which
20 shall consist of 15 members as follows: The Director
21 of the State Planning Office, or his designee; the
22 Commissioner of Business, Occupational and Profes-
23 sional Regulation or his designee; the Director of
24 Energy Resources or his designee; the Commissioner of
25 Environmental Protection or his designee; the Commis-
26 sioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources or
27 his designee; the chairman of the Maine Development
28 Foundation or his designee; 2 members of the Senate,
29 appointed by the President of the Senate; 2 members
30 of the House of Representatives, appointed by the
31 Speaker of the House of Representatives; 5 members
32 appointed by the Governor, of which at least one mem-
33 ber shall be a representative of small business and
34 at least one member shall be a representative of or-
35 ganized labor. The board shall annually elect a
36 chairman from among its members.

37 2. Terms. The members of the board appointed by
38 the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House
39 of Representatives shall be appointed for terms of 2

1 years. The members appointed by the Governor shall
2 be appointed for terms of 4 years. All other members
3 shall serve during their tenure in the position which
4 they represent on the board. Any vacancy shall be
5 filled in the same manner as the original appointment
6 for the unexpired term of that position.

7 3. Compensation. Members shall be compensated
8 according to Title 5, chapter 379.

9 §354. Duties of board

10 The board shall have the following powers and du-
11 ties.

12 1. Receipt of money and property. The board may
13 accept and receive gifts, grants, bequests or devises
14 from any source, including funds from the Federal
15 Government or any subdivision of the Federal Govern-
16 ment.

17 2. Contracts. The board may, with the approval
18 of the Governor, enter into contracts and agreements
19 with educational institutions, nonprofit institutions
20 and organizations, business enterprises and other
21 persons concerned with scientific and technological
22 research and development in the State.

23 3. Administer grant program. The board shall
24 administer the Pine Tree Partnership Fund Grant Pro-
25 gram established by this chapter.

26 4. Advice. The board shall provide advice to
27 the Governor and to departments and agencies concern-
28 ing scientific, technological and engineering matters
29 which relate to economic growth.

30 5. Rules. The board may promulgate rules, in
31 accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure
32 Act, Title 5, chapter 375, to carry out this chapter.

33 §355. Grants

34 The board may enter into matching grant agree-
35 ments with any qualifying small business. No grant
36 may be given to any one qualifying small business in
37 excess of \$5,000 in any year. Grants shall be

1 awarded upon the condition that an amount equal to or
2 in excess of the amount of the grant will be dedi-
3 cated by the business receiving the grant. In award-
4 ing grants under this chapter, the board shall give
5 preference to qualifying small businesses which em-
6 ployee 25 or fewer employees.

7 §356. Purposes for which grants may be awarded

8 The board may award grants to qualifying small
9 businesses for purposes, including, but not limited
10 to, the following:

11 1. Joint research and development. Development
12 and strengthening of joint research and development
13 efforts, including facilities for advanced technolo-
14 gies' activities, equipment, personnel, land and re-
15 lated activities which will lead to new technologies
16 which will create or preserve jobs;

17 2. Training and curriculum development. Provid-
18 ing training and curriculum development related to
19 advanced technology in order to provide a skilled
20 work force to secure employment in advanced technol-
21 ogy industries;

22 3. Technology transfer. Technology transfer ac-
23 tivities;

24 4. Advanced technology industries; jobs. Market
25 development, feasibility studies and other activities
26 related to increasing jobs in advanced technology in-
27 dustry;

28 5. Cooperation. Staff support or other mecha-
29 nisms to encourage small businesses to cooperate with
30 government and other businesses in promoting advanced
31 technology industrial diversification; and

32 6. Other. Other appropriate programs of techno-
33 logical research and development carried on by small
34 businesses in the State.

35 §357. Repeal

36 This chapter is repealed December 31, 1990.

1 Sec. 3. Appropriation. The following funds are
2 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the
3 purposes of this Act.

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5 Pine Tree Partnership
6 Fund Board

7 All Other

\$200,000

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STATEMENT OF FACT

9 The purpose of this bill is to create the Pine
10 Tree Partnership Fund to provide matching grants to
11 small businesses in the State for research and devel-
12 opment.

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