

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE  
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5 Legislative Document

No. 1851

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7 S.P. 728

In Senate, January 15, 1986

8 Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council  
pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

9 Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and  
ordered printed.

10 JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President Pray of Penobscot.

11 Cosponsored by Representative Carter of Winslow, Representative  
Gwadosky of Fairfield and Senator Pearson of Penobscot.

12 STATE OF MAINE  
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX  
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17 AN ACT to Create a Partnership Program for  
18 Technological Development and Innovation.  
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
21 follows:

22 Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §929 is enacted to read:

23 §929. Partnership Program for Technological Develop-  
24 ment and Innovation

25 1. Creation of grant program. There is estab-  
26 lished a Partnership Program for Technological Devel-  
27 opment and Innovation which shall support the imple-  
28 mentation of technology innovation projects for the  
29 purpose of supporting partnerships of businesses and  
30 educational or nonprofit organizations to help busi-  
31 nesses adopt, develop and manage new technologies.  
32 This grant program shall be nonlapsing.

33 2. Eligible grant recipient. An individual, in-  
34 stitution or organization that represents a partner-

1 ship of business and educational or nonprofit organi-  
2 zations prepared to implement the technology innova-  
3 tion projects in the areas of biotechnology, food  
4 products or processing, computer systems application  
5 to production and manufacturing processes, fisheries,  
6 hazardous materials management and application of  
7 university engineering resources to businesses shall  
8 be an eligible grant recipient.

9       3. Grant administration. The Maine Science and  
10 Technology Board shall award and administer the  
11 grants. The Maine Development Foundation shall ad-  
12 minister the funds.

13       4. Grant award. The Maine Science and Technolo-  
14 gy Board may award a grant to any eligible grant re-  
15 ipient on a competitive basis and upon the condition  
16 that a match equivalent to at least 1/2 of the funds  
17 awarded is contributed by members of the partnership.

18       5. Administrative expenses. Costs and expenses  
19 for administrating the program may be paid out of the  
20 amounts in the grant program.

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

24 1986-87

25 MAINE DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

26 Partnership Program for  
27 Technological Development  
28 and Innovation

29 All Other

\$200,000

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2           The purpose of this bill is to create a Partner-  
3           ship Program for Technological Development and Inno-  
4           vation. Based on the recommendation of Technology  
5           Strategy for Maine Report, the Legislature appropri-  
6           ated \$50,000 to the Maine Science and Technology  
7           Board to award grants to conduct technology innova-  
8           tion projects. Six studies have been completed in  
9           the areas of biotechnology, food products and pro-  
10          cessing, computer systems application to production  
11          and manufacturing processes, fisheries, hazardous  
12          waste management and application of university engi-  
13          neering resources to businesses. This bill seeks to  
14          continue the Legislature's commitment to fostering  
15          technology innovation in Maine's businesses and in-  
16          dustries through public and private partnerships by  
17          funding the implementation of 2 or more programs.

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