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Reference to the Committee on Economic Development
suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative RUHLIN of Brewer.

Cosponsored by Senator PEARSON of Penobscot,
Representative CROWLEY of Stockton Springs and Speaker MARTIN
of Eagle Lake.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT to Provide Funding for Job Training to
2 Support Development Efforts.
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4 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
5 follows:

6 20-A MRSA c. 433 is enacted to read:

7 CHAPTER 433

8 JOB DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

9 §12751. Short title

10 This chapter shall be known and may be cited as
11 the "Job Development Training Act."

12 §12752. Definitions

1 As used in this chapter, unless the context indi-
2 icates otherwise, the following terms have the follow-
3 ing meanings.

4 1. Educational institution. "Educational insti-
5 tution" means any public post-secondary institution,
6 vocational-technical institute and center, adult edu-
7 cation program with vocational components or second-
8 ary institution offering vocational programs.

9 2. Private enterprise. "Private enterprise"
10 means any nongovernment entity engaging in the manu-
11 facturing, processing, offering for sale, rental,
12 leasing, delivery, dispensing, distribution or adver-
13 tising of goods and services for profit.

14 3. Program. "Program" means the Job Development
15 Training Program.

16 4. Vocational-technical system. "Vocational-
17 technical system" means the Maine Vocational-Tech-
18 nical Institute System as established in chapter 431.

19 §12753. Program established

20 The Job Development Training Program is estab-
21 lished to grant funds to educational institutions to
22 provide flexible, rapid-response customized training
23 to new and expanding businesses in this State at
24 their request pursuant to this Act. The Legislature
25 shall appropriate \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year to
26 the program.

27 §12754. Grants

28 The system shall establish a competitive grant
29 application process for the purpose of distributing
30 program funds.

31 1. Criteria. Criteria to be used to award
32 grants shall include the:

33 A. Number of new jobs created;

34 B. Skill levels of those new jobs;

35 C. Wages of those new jobs;

1 D. Total project costs; and
2 E. Availability of matching in-kind or monetary
3 contribution from the educational institution or
4 private enterprise.

5 2. Application. An educational institution
6 seeking a program grant shall submit an application
7 to the Maine Vocational-Technical Institute System
8 Office. The application must include:

9 A. A description of the training project and the
10 private enterprise;

11 B. Project objectives, including numbers of jobs
12 created, wages of jobs, timelines and responsible
13 parties;

14 C. Linkages with training institutions and pro-
15 grams;

16 D. Budget narrative and worksheets;

17 E. Certification and assurances; and

18 F. Total project costs, including any grant re-
19 quest and matching portion from the educational
20 institution or private enterprise.

21 3. Award of grants. Grants shall be awarded on
22 a first-come, first-served basis, subject to the cri-
23 teria set out in subsections 1 and 2, to educational
24 institutions which will conduct training projects
25 within eligible private enterprises. A private en-
26 terprise is eligible if it is, or will be as a result
27 of the grant:

28 A. Located in the State; and

29 B. Expanding and creating new jobs.

30 4. Grant purposes. A grant may be used for the
31 design, development and delivery of training
32 projects, including, but not limited to, recruitment,
33 screening and selection of trainees, instructional
34 materials development, instructional and office sup-
35 plies, equipment lease or rental, facilities, person-

1 nel, travel, communication, printing and binding and
2 indirect costs.

3 \$12755. Administration

4 The program established pursuant to this chapter
5 shall be administered by the vocational-technical
6 system office. The office shall monitor any projects
7 and grants approved and awarded under the program.

8 STATEMENT OF FACT

9 This bill establishes a Job Development Training
10 Program to be administered by the Maine Vocational-
11 Technical Institute System Office. The program will
12 award grants to educational institutions to conduct
13 training projects within qualifying private enter-
14 prises which will result in new jobs.

15 The program would be of great assistance in the
16 recruitment of industries from outside the State.
17 Even more importantly, it would benefit the new and
18 expanding businesses within the State. Since most
19 job creation is generated by new and existing busi-
20 nesses, this model could primarily target Maine's
21 small business base, which comprises 85% of all busi-
22 ness in the State. The program provides the techni-
23 cal assistance and training, such as consultation,
24 curriculum development, training plan development,
25 implementation and follow-up, necessary to expedite
26 the recruitment, training and retention activities of
27 a business expansion.

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