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L.D. 2494

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
113TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 946, L.D. 2494, Bill,  
"AN ACT to Establish the Strategic Training for  
Accelerated Reemployment Program."

Amend the bill by striking out all of the  
emergency preamble.

Further amend the bill in section 1 by striking  
out all of subsection 32.

Further amend the bill by striking out all of  
section 2.

Further amend the bill by striking out all of  
section 4.

Further amend the bill by striking out all of  
sections 6 to 9.

Further amend the bill in section 10, in that part  
designated "§1272." in the 5th line (page 7, line 17  
in L.D.) by striking out the underlined word "and" and  
inserting in its place the underlined word 'or'

Further amend the bill in section 10, in that part  
designated "§1274." in the first paragraph, in the  
first and 2nd lines (page 7, lines 30 and 31 in L.D.)  
by striking out the following: "under section 1221,  
subsection 4" and inserting in its place the  
following: 'by the General Fund'

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1 Further amend the bill in section 10, in that part  
2 designated "§1280-A." in subsection 2, paragraph B, in  
3 the last line (page 14, line 26 in L.D.) by striking  
4 out the underlined word "and" and in paragraph C, in  
5 the last line (page 14, line 30 in L.D.) by striking  
6 out the underlined word and punctuation "areas." and  
7 inserting in its place the following: 'areas; and'

8 Further amend the bill in section 10, in that part  
9 designated "§1280-A." by adding at the end a new  
10 paragraph to read:

11 'D. A description of the sizes and types of  
12 businesses, and the number of individuals and  
13 their training, for which customized and  
14 on-the-job training is provided.'

15 Further amend the bill in section 11 by striking  
16 out all of the last sentence (page 14, lines 35 and 36  
17 in L.D. and page 15, line 1 in L.D.)

18 Further amend the bill by striking out all of  
19 section 12 and inserting in its place the following:

20 'Sec. 12. Appropriation. The following funds  
21 are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out  
22 the purposes of this Act.

23 1988-89

24 LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF

25 Strategic Training - Bureau  
26 of Employment Security

27 Personal Services \$ 57,898  
28 All Other 13,159

29 Strategic Training - Bureau  
30 of Employment and  
31 Training Programs

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|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | Personal Services   | 343,944             |
| 2 | All Other           | 2,264,592           |
| 3 | DEPARTMENT OF LABOR |                     |
| 4 | TOTAL               | <u>\$2,679,593'</u> |

5 Further amend the bill by striking out the  
6 emergency clause.

7 Further amend the bill by renumbering the sections  
8 to read consecutively.

9 STATEMENT OF FACT

10 The purpose of this amendment is to change the  
11 funding of the Strategic Training for Accelerated  
12 Reemployment Program, also known as the STAR program,  
13 from a new payroll tax on employers to the General  
14 Fund.

15 At the same time, this removes the circuit-breaker  
16 provision that would have terminated the program as  
17 soon as unemployment increased by enough to trigger a  
18 change in the unemployment tax schedule. By removing  
19 this provision, the amendment assures that the STAR  
20 program will continue to be available for unemployed  
21 workers at their greatest time of need. Without the  
22 amendment, the STAR program would terminate when  
23 unemployment increases.

24 The amendment also makes clear that job  
25 opportunities may exist in new businesses as well as  
26 stable and expanding existing businesses.

27 Finally, the amendment requires any reports on the  
28 STAR program to include information on the sizes and  
29 types of businesses for which individuals are given  
30 customized and on-the-job training.

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