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House of Representatives, April 16, 1991

Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested and ordered printed.

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

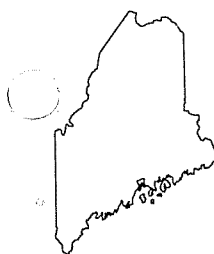
Presented by Representative BOUTILIER of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Senator GILL of Cumberland, Representative HEPBURN of Skowhegan and Representative PENDLETON of Scarborough.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

An Act to Provide Training for Long-term Care Facilities Personnel.



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

26 MRSA c. 32 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 32

JOB TRAINING PROGRAM FOR LONG-TERM CARE
FACILITIES PERSONNEL

§2161. Scope

This chapter establishes the Job Training Program for Long-term Care Facilities Personnel, referred to in this chapter as the "program," to provide assistance to the State's long-term care facilities, as defined in Title 22, chapter 1666-B, facing serious shortages of adequately trained personnel for certain positions.

§2162. Administration

The Department of Labor, the Department of Education and the Department of Human Services shall jointly administer this chapter. The Commissioner of Labor, the Commissioner of Education and the Commissioner of Human Services may adopt rules implementing this chapter pursuant to the Maine Administrative Procedure Act.

§2163. Funding

Funding for this program may come from existing state and federal funds, from appropriations of new state funds and from funds provided by participating institutions and facilities.

§2164. Training for activities coordinators

Under the program, training for activities coordinator positions in long-term care facilities must be as follows.

1. Job training services. Job training services, which are provided under the state job training system, must be coordinated by the Department of Labor and the Department of Human Services job training programs. These services may include, but are not limited to, outreach, recruitment, orientation, selection, preoccupational training, supportive services and needs-based stipends.

2. Skill training. Skill training must be provided by qualified training providers such as the State's technical colleges to qualified participants who are either entering the field or are employed health care workers who want to upgrade

2 their skills. Participants must be referred by the state job
3 training system.

4 3. Certification. Participants who complete training under
5 this section with a curriculum approved by the Department of
6 Education and the Department of Human Services to include both
7 theoretical and clinical training receive a statewide certificate
8 granted by the Department of Education. This certification, or a
9 certification issued pursuant to subsection 4, is required for
10 employment as an activities coordinator in this State after
11 December 31, 1993.

12 4. Reciprocity. Certification may also be issued to
13 candidates who can document completion of comparable training and
14 experience in accordance with rules promulgated by the
15 Commissioner of Education and the Commissioner of Human Services.

18 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

20 This bill establishes for nonmedical personnel who work in
21 long-term care facilities a training program similar to that
22 provided for health care personnel by the health occupations
23 training project, in order to address the shortage of qualified
24 personnel to fill activities coordinator positions in the State's
25 long-term care facilities.
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