

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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115th MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1991

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No. 1563

S.P. 591

In Senate, April 17, 1991

Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator KANY of Kennebec

Cosponsored by Senator COLLINS of Aroostook, Senator CONLEY of Cumberland and Representative GWADOSKY of Fairfield.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Support Occupational Health Services.



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

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3 Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §42-A, sub-§2, ¶E-1, as enacted by PL 1987, c.
4 782, §3, is amended to read:

6 E-1. The development and administration of programs to
7 educate employers and employees regarding the
8 Whistleblowers' Protection Act, chapter 7, subchapter V-B;
9 and

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11 Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §42-A, sub-§2, ¶E-2 is enacted to read:

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13 E-2. The support for the development of a nonprofit
14 statewide training, consultation and resource center
15 committed to the prevention of work-related illness and
16 injury through application of public health principles and
17 methods. A primary function of the center is as an
18 education and training locus for health professionals in
19 occupational health. As one of its tasks, the center shall
20 undertake a systematic and thorough evaluation of the
21 current data systems in the area of occupational health; and

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24 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

26 This bill provides that, through the use of the Safety
27 Education and Training Fund, the Department of Labor shall
28 support the development of a nonprofit statewide center to
29 provide training, consultation and resources aimed to prevent
30 work-related illness and injury. The center would provide
31 clinical education and training for health professionals in
32 occupational health.