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STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 329, L.D. 1005, Bill, "An Act to Provide Training for Activity Professionals"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act Relating to Activities Coordinators'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of sections 1 and 2 and inserting in their place the following:

'Sec. 1. 26 MRSA c. 32, first 3 lines are repealed and the following enacted in their place:

CHAPTER 32

JOB TRAINING PROGRAM FOR

ACTIVITIES COORDINATORS

Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §2161, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 405, is amended to read:

§2161. Scope

This chapter establishes the Job Training Program for ~~Long-term--Care--Facilities--Personnel~~ Activities Coordinators, 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.'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 5 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 5. 26 MRSA §2164, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 405, is amended to read:

2 §2164. Training for activities coordinators

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

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

16 2. **Skill training.** Skill training must be provided by
18 qualified training providers such as the State's technical
20 colleges to qualified participants who are either entering the
field or are employed health care workers who want to upgrade
their skills. Participants ~~must~~ may be referred by the state job
training system.

22 3. **Certification.** Participants who complete training under
24 this section with a 200-hour curriculum approved by the
Department of Education to include both theoretical and practical
26 training receive a statewide certificate granted by the
Department of Education. This certificate or a certificate
28 issued under subsection 4 is required for employment as an
activities coordinator in this State after December 31, 1993,
30 except that a person employed as an activities coordinator on the
effective date of this chapter who has completed a training
32 program approved by the Department of Human Services is not
required to obtain a certificate under this section.

34 4. **Reciprocity.** Certification may also be issued to
36 candidates who can document completion of comparable training and
experience in accordance with rules ~~promulgated~~ adopted by the
38 Commissioner of Education and the Commissioner of Human Services
after consultation with the activities coordinator board of a
40 state health care association.

42 FISCAL NOTE

44 The Department of Education will incur some minor additional
46 costs to approve the curriculum programs of activities
coordinators. These costs can be absorbed within the
48 department's existing budgeted resources.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment differs from the original bill in the following ways.

1. The bill changes the name of the program to the Job Training Program for Activities Professionals. The amendment substitutes the name "coordinator" for "professional" in the title of the chapter and throughout the laws governing activities coordinators, which is consistent with nationally used titles.

2. The bill requires that job training services be coordinated by the Department of Education rather than the Department of Labor. The amendment removes this change, leaving the coordination function in the Department of Labor.

3. The bill extended shared rule-making authority to the activities coordinator board of a state health care association. The amendment clarifies that the state departments responsible for rulemaking must consult with the association, but the association does not have rule-making authority.

The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

Reported by Senator Paradis for the Committee on Human Resources.
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT