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An Act to Provide Training for Activity Professionals.

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator ESTY of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representative: PENDEXTER of Scarborough.

	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 26 MRSA c. 32, first 3 lines are repealed and the
4	following enacted in their place:
6	CHAPTER 32
8	JOB TRAINING PROGRAM FOR
10	<u>ACTIVITIES PROFESSIONALS</u>
12	Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §2161, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 405, is amended to read:
14	\$2161. Scope
16	This chapter establishes the Job Training Program for
18	Long-termCareFacilitiesPersonnel Activities Professionals,
20(1/2)	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
22	adequately trained personnel for certain positions.
24	Sec. 3. 26 MRSA §2162, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 405, is
26	repealed and the following enacted in its place:
	§2162. Administration; funding
28	The program must be conducted under the auspices of the
30	education delivery system.
32	Sec. 4. 26 MRSA §2163, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 405, is repealed.
34 .	Sec. 5. 26 MRSA §2164, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 405, is
36	amended to read:
38	§2164. Training for activities coordinators
40	Under the program, training for activities eeerdinater
42	<pre>professionals positions in long-term care facilities must be as follows.</pre>
44	1. Job training services. Job training services, which are provided under the state job training system, must be coordinated
46	by the Department of Laber <u>Education</u> and the Department of Human Services jeb-training programs. These services may include, but
18	are not limited to, outreach, recruitment, orientation,
50	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 teehnieal eelleges education delivery system to qualified participants who are either entering the field or are employed health care workers who want to upgrade their skills. Participants must be referred by the state job training system.
 - 3. Certification. Participants who complete training under this section with a 200-hour curriculum approved by the Department of Education to include both theoretical and practical training receive a statewide certificate granted by the Department of Education. This certificate or a certificate issued under subsection 4 is required for employment as an activities eperdinater professional in this State after December 31, 1993, except that a person employed as an activities eperdinater professional on the effective date of this chapter who has completed a training program approved by the Department of Human Services is not required to obtain a certificate under this section.
 - 4. Reciprocity. Certification may also be issued to candidates who can document completion of comparable training and experience in accordance with rules promulgated adopted by the Commissioner of Education and, the Commissioner of Human Services and the activities professional board of a state health care association.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill makes the following changes to the law governing the Job Training Program for Long-term Care Facilities Personnel.

1. The bill changes the name of the program to the Job Training Program for Activities Professionals.

2. The bill requires that job training services be coordinated by the Department of Education rather than the Department of Labor.

3. The bill amends the existing funding and administration sections to specify that the program be conducted under the auspices of the education delivery system.

- 4. The bill specifies that certification be granted to participants who complete a 200-hour curriculum.
- 5. The bill allows certification to be issued to persons who document completion of comparable training in accordance with rules adopted by the activities professional board of a state health care association.