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An Act to Establish the Maine Education and Training Export Partnership within the Department of Economic and Community Development.

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Housing and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CAHILL of Sagadahoc. (GOVERNOR'S BILL). Cosponsored by Senator: LAWRENCE of York, Representatives: MELENDY of Rockland, SIMONDS of Cape Elizabeth, SMALL of Bath.

	Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not
2	become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
4	Whereas, the Department of Economic and Community
6	Development has identified resources and potential opportunities for companies in this State to promote the development and
8	dissemination of technologies and knowledge appropriate for developing countries; and
10	Whereas, these contract opportunities have been estimated by
12	the World Bank to be in the billions of dollars; and
14	Whereas, the State should be supporting companies, nonprofit organizations and educational institutions in this State and
16	helping them to support each other in accessing these contract opportunities in developing countries; and
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20	Whereas, much of the technology and expertise needed in developing countries resides in the private sector; and
22	Whereas, a government-to-government relationship is often critical to successful negotiations in the international
24	marketplace; and
26	Whereas, the exchange of the knowledge available in companies and organizations in this State could develop market
28	opportunities for other products, technologies and services in this State; and
30	Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
32	create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
34	necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,
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38	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
1.0	Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §13063-A is enacted to read:
40	§13063-A. Maine Education and Training Export Partnership
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	1. Establishment. The Maine Education and Training Export
44	Partnership, referred to in this section as the "partnership," is established within the Department of Economic and Community
46	Development to engage in charitable, educational and scientific
48	activities and, in furtherance of those activities, to stimulate the development, dissemination and widespread application of
	education, training and technical assistance suitable and

	adaptable to the social, cultural and economic conditions of
2	developing countries.
4	The partnership is a state-chartered, nonprofit organization.
	The partnership shall carry out its purposes in support of and in
6	coordination with the private entities operated for profit,
	private nonprofit organizations and institutions and public
8	educational institutions that constitute the international
	education, training and technical assistance industry in the
10	State.
12	2. Purpose. The partnership shall assist its member
	organizations and encourage participation from all interested
14	companies, organizations and institutions to:
16	A. Promote the development and dissemination of education,
	training and technical assistance programs appropriate for
18	developing countries; and
20	B. Identify market opportunities and potential contracts in
_ `	developing countries that match the technologies and
22	expertise available in the State and coordinate and submit
22	appropriate proposal responses.
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2.6	3. Board of directors. The Board of Directors of the Maine
26	Education and Training Export Partnership consists of 7 members
2.0	appointed by the Governor. At least 4 of the directors must be
28	from the private sector. The directors must be appointed from
	member organizations or must be involved in a related business
30	field or possess experience or familiarity with education,
	training, technical assistance or international commerce. The
32	board shall select a chair from its membership.
34	The board of directors shall:
36	A. Establish membership criteria and a dues structure;
38	B. Establish a fee structure associated with participation
	in partnership contracts; and
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	C. Establish dues, fees and limited services available to
42	nonmembers.
44	4. Adoption of bylaws. The partnership shall adopt bylaws
	consistent with this section for the governance of its affairs.
46	The partnership shall do all things necessary or convenient to
	carry out the lawful purposes of the partnership under this
48	section.

5. General powers. The partnership may:

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2	A. Sue or be sued in its own name;
4	B. Apply for and receive funds from any private source or
	governmental entity, whether by way of grant, donation, loan
6	or any other manner;
8	C. Assist public and private entities in developing proposals and charge such fees for this service as it
10	determines áppropriate; and
12	D. Make contracts, including contracts for services and incur liabilities for any of the purposes authorized in
14	those contracts.
1 6	6. Dissolution of the partnership. The partnership may not be dissolved unless the Legislature provides for its
18	dissolution. Upon dissolution of the partnership, the directors,
20	after paying or making provision for the payment of all
20	liabilities of the partnership, shall cause all of the remaining
20	assets to be transferred to the State.
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24	Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.
26	STATEMENT OF FACT
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20	This bill establishes the Maine Education and Training
30	Export Partnership within the Department of Economic and Community Development. Its primary purpose is to identify
32	potential contract opportunities in developing countries that match technologies and expertise available within the public and
34	private sectors of the State.
36	The partnership will have the latitude to raise the funds and support the international contacts necessary to aggressively
38	pursue these opportunities while maintaining its identity as part of a governmental agency.