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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
116TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1136, L.D. 1536, Bill, "An Act to Establish the Maine Youth Apprenticeship Program"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-G, sub-§26-A is enacted to read:

<u>26-A.</u>	<u>Skill Stand-</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>20-A MRSA</u>
<u>Labor</u>	<u>ards Board</u>	<u>Only</u>	<u>§12734</u>

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA c. 432 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 432

MAINE YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

§12731. Administration and purpose

The Maine Technical College System in cooperation with the Department of Education and the Department of Labor is authorized to provide comprehensive administrative and financial services to the Maine Youth Apprenticeship Program, a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Maine to provide an additional education option, through a partnership between business and education, for high school students and young adults to obtain classroom instruction and on-the-job training that prepares them directly for career-related employment or continued education. The sole purpose of the Maine Youth Apprenticeship Program, referred to in this chapter as "the program," is to assist the Maine Technical College System, public secondary schools and other publicly supported educational institutions in the State in providing a combination of academic learning and

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2 structured work-based learning at businesses in the State to
3 students enrolled at Maine Technical College System facilities,
4 public secondary schools or other publicly supported educational
5 institutions.

6 The Maine Technical College System is authorized to receive
7 and administer on behalf of the program any grants, fees,
8 charges, appropriations and other funds from whatever source.

10 **§12732. Goals**

12 The goals of the program as delineated by its articles of
13 incorporation and bylaws are:

14 1. Education and training. To provide a sequential
15 education and training program that enhances opportunities for
16 youth in this State to become highly skilled and productive
17 members of the work force;

18 2. Skilled work force. To provide a skilled and educated
19 work force for businesses in the State to increase their
20 competitiveness in the global economy; and

21 3. Economic future. To enhance the economic future of the
22 State and improve its productivity and competitive position in a
23 world economy by creating a skilled and educated work force.

24 **§12733. Activities**

25 The program shall provide a sequence of combined school and
26 workplace education and training that has a specific industrial
27 or occupational focus. Students participate in the program for
28 up to 3 years and, while doing so, must be enrolled in a State
29 technical college or other publicly supported secondary or
30 postsecondary school. The program shall offer a curriculum based
31 on industry skill standards recommended by the Skill Standards
32 Board established in section 12734. Participants who demonstrate
33 that they have met these skill standards are entitled to a
34 certificate of skill mastery that describes the competencies
35 achieved by the students.

36 The program shall encourage career exploration, applied
37 academic and occupational course work, paid work and education
38 experience, outcome-based assessment, structured work-based
39 learning and enrollment in a postsecondary educational
40 institution.

§12734. Skill Standards Board

2 1. Establishment. The Skill Standards Board, established
4 in Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 26-A and referred to in
6 this section as "the board," shall create the industry skill
8 standards associated with an industry or occupational group that
must be mastered in order for a student to be awarded a
certificate of skill mastery.

10 2. Membership. The board consists of 14 members as follows:

12 A. Three members representing business and industry;

14 B. Three members representing organized labor;

16 C. Three members representing education;

18 D. Two student members who participate in the program;

20 E. Two members from businesses that participate in the
22 program; and

24 F. One member representing the State Apprenticeship and
Training Council.

26 3. Appointments. The Governor, the President of the Senate
28 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each
representing organized labor and one member representing
30 education. The Governor shall appoint 2 members from businesses
that participate in the program, 2 student members who
32 participate in the program from persons nominated by the director
of the program and one member representing the State
34 Apprenticeship and Training Council from persons nominated by
that council.

36 4. Officers and staff. The officers of the board consist
38 of a chair and vice-chair, elected by the board from the board
membership for a term of one year. Officers may be elected for
40 one additional term. The vice-chair serves as the chair in the
absence of the chair. The board is staffed by the Maine Youth
42 Apprenticeship Program staff.

44 5. Compensation. Members are entitled to compensation for
46 expenses, from program funds, according to Title 5, chapter 379.

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FISCAL NOTE

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This bill establishes the Maine Youth Apprenticeship Program to be administered by the Maine Technical College System. Administrative costs and program expenses can be absorbed within existing federal grants for this purpose.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment makes minor changes in the bill designed to preserve the tax status of the Maine Youth Apprenticeship Program as an organization described in Section 509(a)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Reported by the Committee on Education
Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House
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