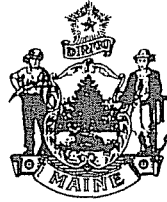


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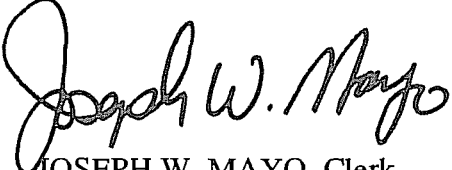
No. 1536

H.P. 1136

House of Representatives, May 24, 1993

An Act to Establish the Maine Youth Apprenticeship Program.

Reference to the Committee on Education suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative MITCHELL of Vassalboro. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)
Cosponsored by Senator AMERO of Cumberland and
Representatives: AIKMAN of Poland, AULT of Wayne, CARROLL of Gray, GWADOSKY of
Fairfield, LIBBY of Buxton, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, WHITCOMB of Waldo, Senators:
BUTLAND of Cumberland, CAHILL of Sagadahoc, DUTREMBLE of York.

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

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

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| <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>§12735</u> |

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

10 CHAPTER 432

12 MAINE YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

14 §12731. Establishment

16 The Maine Youth Apprenticeship Program is established to
18 provide an additional educational option for high school students
20 through a business and education partnership and to help high
school students obtain education and skills that prepare them for
career-related employment and continued education.

22 §12732. Administration and purpose

24 The Maine Youth Apprenticeship Program, in this chapter
26 referred to as the program, is administered by the Maine
28 Technical College System in cooperation with the Department of
30 Education and the Department of Labor. The sole purpose of the
32 program is to assist the Maine Technical College System, public
34 secondary schools and other publicly supported educational
institutions in the State by providing a combination of academic
learning and structured work-based learning at businesses in the
State for students enrolled at Maine Technical College System
facilities, public secondary schools or other publicly supported
educational institutions in the State and by providing financial
and administrative resources.

36 §12733. Goals

38 The primary goals of the program are:

40 1. Education and training. To provide a sequential
42 education and training program that enhances opportunities for
44 youth in this State to become highly skilled and productive
members of the workforce;

46 2. Skilled workforce. To provide a skilled and educated
48 workforce for businesses in the State to increase their
competitiveness in a global economy; and

50 3. Economic future. To enhance the economic future of the
52 State and improve its productivity and competitive position in a
world economy by creating a skilled and educated workforce.

2 **§12734. Activities**

4 The program must provide a sequence of combined school and
6 workplace education and training that has a specific industrial
8 or occupational focus. Students must participate in the program
10 for at least 3 years and must be enrolled in a state technical
12 college or other postsecondary institution. The program must
14 offer a curriculum based on industry skill standards approved by
16 the Skill Standards Board as established in section 12735.
18 Participants who demonstrate that they have met the established
20 skill standards are entitled to a Certificate of Skill Mastery
22 that delineates the competencies achieved by the students.

24 The program must be designed to encourage career
26 exploration, applied academic and occupational coursework, paid
28 work and education experience, outcome-based assessment,
30 structured work-based learning and enrollment in a postsecondary
32 institution.

34 **§12735. Skill Standards Board**

36 1. Establishment. The Skill Standards Board, in this
38 section referred to as the board, is created to establish
40 industry skill standards that are the competencies associated
42 with an industry or occupational group that must be mastered in
44 order for a student to be awarded a Certificate of Skill Mastery.

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

48 A. Three members representing business and industry;

50 B. Three members representing organized labor;

52 C. Three members representing education;

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

56 E. Two members from companies of the business community
58 that participate in the program; and

60 F. One member representing the State Apprenticeship and
62 Training Council.

64 3. Appointments and terms. The Governor, the President of
66 the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall
68 each appoint one member representing business and industry, one
70 member representing organized labor and one member representing
72 education. The Governor shall appoint 2 business members from
74 companies participating in the program, 2 student members based
76 on the nomination of the director of the program and one

2 representative of the State Apprenticeship and Training Council
3 based on the nomination of that council. Board members serve
4 3-year terms and are eligible for reappointment for one
5 additional term. Initial appointments must be staggered in
6 length to maintain continuity and experience on the board.
7 Vacancies must be filled for the unexpired term only.

8 4. Officer and staff. The officers of the board consist of
9 a chair and vice-chair, elected by the board membership for a
10 term of one year. Officers may be elected for one additional
11 term. The vice-chair serves as the chair in the absence of the
12 chair. The board is staffed by the Maine Youth Apprenticeship
13 Program staff.

14 5. Compensation. Members are entitled to compensation for
15 expenses according to Title 5, chapter 379.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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21 This bill establishes the Maine Youth Apprenticeship
22 Program. The program, which provides an additional educational
23 option for high school students through a partnership between
24 business and industry, will be administered by the Maine
25 Technical College System in cooperation with the Department of
26 Education and the Department of Labor. The bill also establishes
27 the Skill Standards Board, which is responsible for creating
28 industry skill standards for the Maine Youth Apprenticeship
Program.