

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 441

H.P. 320

House of Representatives, February 6, 1995

An Act to Promote Apprentice Education in the State.

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative MARSHALL of Eliot.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CHICK of Lebanon, FARNUM of South Berwick,
HICHBORN of LaGrange, LEMONT of Kittery, McALEVEY of Waterboro, MURPHY of
Berwick, Senator: LAWRENCE of York.

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §12728, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 707, Pt. CC, §1, is amended to read:

§12728. Coordination with education and training providers

If an education or training requirement can not be delivered directly by a technical college, staff of the centers shall work with other education and training providers to develop and deliver the program.

If an education or training requirement is most appropriately delivered directly by an employer, staff of the centers shall work with the employer to develop and deliver the program, which is called a partnership training program.

1. Student apprentice. An individual who participates in a partnership training program is considered a student apprentice and not an employee of the employer sponsoring the training program. An employer may provide a student apprentice with a scholarship and may contract with a student apprentice to provide employment after the student apprentice successfully completes the training program as determined in subsection 3, paragraph D.

2. Employer's responsibilities. An employer shall submit to the Maine Technical College System a request for a partnership training program. The partnership training program must be designed to provide job-specific training at the employer's training site using the employer's resources and the employer's personnel as instructors. The request must contain:

A. A justification of the training need;

B. A description of the type of training; and

C. A description of how the training will be delivered including:

(1) The number of student apprentices to be trained and how they will be selected;

(2) The location of the training site; and

(3) The duration of the training, including number of hours.

2 3. Maine Technical College System responsibilities. The
Maine Technical College System shall respond within 30 days of
4 receipt of an employer's request for a partnership training
program. If the request describes an education or training
6 program that is most appropriately delivered directly by an
employer, the technical college system shall:

8 A. Work with the employer to develop a curriculum
appropriate for the partnership training program;

10 B. Develop and implement an assessment program for the
partnership training program;

12 C. Offer remedial education for program participants as
needed; and

14 D. Offer appropriate certification to any student
16 apprentice who successfully completes the partnership
training program.

22 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

24 This bill requires the Maine Technical College System to
work with Maine private industry to develop on-site apprentice
26 training programs. It broadly defines the responsibilities of
the private company and the Maine Technical College System, and
28 establishes the student apprentices as individuals who are not
employees of the company.