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House of Representatives, February 14, 1995

**An Act to Require the Department of Labor to Keep Statistics on the
Number of Jobs That are Full-time, Part-time and Temporary.**

Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative TREAT of Gardiner.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, AHEARNE of Madawaska, BERRY of Livermore, BOUFFARD of Lewiston, BUNKER of Kossuth Township, CHIZMAR of Lisbon, ETNIER of Harpswell, GERRY of Auburn, GOOLEY of Farmington, LaFOUNTAIN of Biddeford, LEMAIRE of Lewiston, PERKINS of Penobscot, ROSEBUSH of East Millinocket, SAMSON of Jay, THOMPSON of Naples, TUTTLE of Sanford, Senators: MICHAUD of Penobscot, MILLS of Somerset, PARADIS of Aroostook.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §42, first ¶**, as repealed and replaced by PL
4 1989, c. 502, Pt. B, §24, is amended to read:

6 The bureau shall collect, assort and arrange statistical
8 details relating to all departments of labor and industrial
10 pursuits in the State; to trade unions and other labor
12 organizations and their effect upon labor and capital; to the
14 number and character of industrial accidents and their effect
16 upon the injured, their dependent relatives and upon the general
18 public; to other matters relating to the commercial, industrial,
20 social, educational, moral and sanitary conditions prevailing
22 within the State, including the names of firms, companies or
24 corporations, where located, the kind of goods produced or
26 manufactured, the time operated each year, the number of
28 employees classified according to age and sex and whether their
30 job is permanent or temporary and, within each of those
32 classifications, whether it is full-time or part-time and the
34 daily and average wages paid each employee within each
36 classification; and the exploitation of such other subjects as
38 will tend to promote the permanent prosperity of the industries
40 of the State. The director is authorized and empowered, subject
42 to the approval of the Governor, to accept from any other agency
44 of government, individual, group or corporation such funds as may
46 be available in carrying out this section, and meet such any
48 requirements with respect to the administration of such those
50 funds, not inconsistent with this section, as that are required
as conditions precedent to receiving such those funds. An
accounting of such those funds and a report of the use to which
they were put ~~shall~~ must be included in the biennial report to
the Governor. Each agency of government shall cooperate fully
with the bureau's efforts to compile labor and industrial
statistics. The director shall cause to be enforced all laws
regulating the employment of minors and women; all laws
established for the protection of health, lives and limbs of
operators in workshops and factories, on railroads and in other
places; all laws regulating the payment of wages; and all laws
enacted for the protection of the working classes. The director
shall, on or before the first day of July, biennially, report to
the Governor, and may make such suggestions and recommendations
as the director ~~may deem~~ considers necessary for the information
of the Legislature. The director may from time to time cause to
be printed and distributed bulletins upon any subject that ~~shall~~
be is of public interest and benefit to the State and may conduct
a program of research, education and promotion to reduce
industrial accidents. The director may review various data, such
as workers' compensation records, as well as other information
relating to any public or private employer's safety experience.
When any individual public or private employer's safety
experience causes the director to question seriously the

2 safe working environment of that employer, the director may offer
any safety education and consultation programs to that employer
4 that may be beneficial in providing a safer work environment. If
the employer refuses this assistance or is in serious
6 noncompliance ~~which~~ that may lead to injuries, or if serious
threats to worker safety continue, then the director shall
8 communicate concerns to appropriate agencies, such as the United
States Occupational Safety and Health Administration. As used in
10 this section, the term "noncompliance" means a lack of compliance
with any applicable health and safety regulations of the United
12 States Occupational Safety and Health Administration or other
federal agencies. The bureau ~~shall-be~~ is responsible for the
14 enforcement of indoor air quality and ventilation standards with
respect to state-owned buildings and buildings leased by the
16 State. The bureau shall enforce air quality standards in a
manner to ensure that corrections to problems found in buildings
18 be made over a reasonable period of time, using consent
agreements and other approaches as necessary and reasonable.

20 STATEMENT OF FACT

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24 This bill requires the Department of Labor to keep
statistics on whether the jobs held by employees in this State
26 are permanent or temporary, full-time or part-time within each of
the current classifications relating to age and sex of the
employees.