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## 117th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1491

S.P. 543

In Senate, May 3, 1995

An Act to Create a Revolving Fund to Finance the Maine Quality Centers.

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

MAY M. ROSS Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CLEVELAND of Androscoggin.

	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §12730 is enacted to read:
	§12730. Maine Quality Centers Fund
6 8 10	The Maine Quality Centers Fund is established within the Maine Technical College System. The fund must be used in accordance with this section and to carry out the purposes of the Maine Quality Centers.
12	1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the
14	context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.
16	A. "Fund" means the Maine Quality Centers Fund.
18	B. "Eligible person" means any person trained in the Maine Quality Centers who meets the eligibility criteria
20	established in the operational guidelines of the Maine Quality Centers.
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24	C. "Participating business" means any business that has participated in the Maine Quality Centers as established in this chapter.
26	2. Fund restrictions. The fund is subject to the following
28	restrictions.
30	A. The fund may not exceed \$5,000,000 at any given time.
32	B. Income that qualifies for the fund by an eligible person is only that income earned at a participating business in
34	the first job after completion of training or for 3 years, whichever is first.
36	C. The fund must be used solely as a funding source for the
38	Maine Quality Centers at a participating business in accordance with this chapter.
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42	3. Participating business: requirements. A participating business must agree to certify to the director of the Maine
16	Quality Centers, in a format authorized by the director, an
44	eligible person's state income tax withholding for 3 calendar years in which an eligible person is in the employment of a
46	participating business.

4. Quality centers to provide certification of income. The director of the Maine Quality Centers shall submit to the State 2 Tax Assessor the total amount of state income tax paid by each eligible person as provided in subsection 3. 4 6 5. Sources of funds. The State Tax Assessor shall transfer to the fund by June 30th of each year 50% of the total amount of state income tax withheld as provided in subsection 4. 8 Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §5286 is enacted to read: 10 12 §5286. Maine Quality Centers Fund 14 The State Tax Assessor shall transfer to the Maine Quality Centers Fund by June 30th of each year 50% of the total amount of 16 state income tax withheld for a taxpayer who participates in the Maine Quality Centers in accordance with Title 20-A, section 18 12730. 2.0 STATEMENT OF FACT 22 This bill creates the Maine Quality Centers Fund for the purpose of providing funding from the Maine Quality Centers in 24 the Maine Technical College System. The funding source is performance-based as any money for the fund will come from the 26

taxable income for an employee who has participated in the Maine

also makes the appropriate

The bill

cross-reference in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36.

Centers.

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