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L.D. 1427 DATE: May 28, 1997 (Filing No. S- 342) **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Reported by: Senator Paradis 10 Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Secretary 12 of the Senate. STATE OF MAINE 14 SENATE 118TH LEGISLATURE 16 FIRST SPECIAL SESSION 18 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 453, L.D. 1427, Bill, "An 20 Act to Create Quality Employment and Business Ownership Opportunities for Social Assistance Recipients" 22 24 Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following: 2.6 'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted 2.8 as emergencies; and 30 Whereas, the passage of the new federal welfare legislation 32

limits individuals to a lifetime benefit of 60 months; and

Whereas, individuals receiving welfare need training and connections with the job market to obtain and remain in quality jobs that will sustain themselves and their families; and

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Whereas, creating a mechanism that assists individuals to leave welfare not only benefits the State but also raises the self-esteem of the citizens leaving the welfare roles; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§8801." in subsection 3 in the last line (page 1, line 24 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "8802" and inserting in its place the following: '8803'

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2	Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated			
	"§8801." by striking out all of subsection 5 (page 1, lines 30			
4	and 31 in L.D.)			
6	Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated			
	"§8802." by striking out all of the first paragraph (page 1,			
8	lines 36 to 42 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:			
10	'The Quality Employment and Business Ownership Opportunities			
	program is established to provide job development and business			
12	ownership opportunities for individuals receiving temporary assistance to needy families under this Title. The program is			
14	created under the jurisdiction and control of the department in			
	conjunction with the Department of Labor and the Department of			
16	Economic and Community Development. The program is established			
18	as a demonstration project.'			
2.0	Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated			
20	"§8802." in subsection 1 in the last line (page 2, line 2 in			
20	L.D.) by inserting after the following: "employment" the			
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22	following: 'income'			
24	Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated			
	"§8802." by striking out all of subsection 5 (page 2, lines 16 to			
26	18 in L.D.)			
2.8	Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated			
20	"§8803." in subsection 3 in the 2nd line (page 2, line 36 in			
30	L.D.) by inserting after the following: "workplace" the			
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32	following: 'or for business ownership'			
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2.4	Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated			
34	"§8805." in the first paragraph in the 2nd line (page 3, line 12			
	in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "grantees." the			
36	following: 'Services pertaining to business ownership			
	opportunities may be included but are not required.'			
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	Further amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of			
40	that part designated "§8806."			
42	Further amend the bill in section 1 by inserting after that			
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4.4	part designated "§8810." the following:			
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	§8811. Report to Legislature			
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	The departments and participating grantees shall submit a			
48	progress report on the implementation of the program to the joint			
	standing committees having jurisdiction over health and human			

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services and business and economic development matters by March

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	15, 1998. A final report must be prov		
2	committees including recommendations		
	program and necessary implementing l	legislation by	January 15,
4	<u>2000.</u> '		
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	" <u>\$8811.</u> " in the 2nd line (page 5, li		_
8	out the following: "2001" and ins	serting in its	place the
	following: '2000'		
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	Further amend the bill in sect	tion 1 by renu	mbering the
12	sections to read consecutively.	,	
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14	Further amend the bill by insert	ting at the end	before the
1.6	summary the following:		
16	'Sec. 2. Allocation. The following		
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	Additional Support for Persons in		
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2-8	All Other	\$300,000	\$300,000
30	Allocates funds through a		
	transfer from the		
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	provide grants under the		
34	Quality Employment and		
	Business Opportunities		
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42	Deallocates funds through a		
4.4	transfer to the Additional		
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Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

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FISCAL NOTE

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This bill includes Federal Block Grant transfers of \$300,000, annually, in fiscal years 1997-98 and 1998-99 from the Departmentwide program to the Additional Support for Persons in Retraining and Employment program to provide grants for job development and business ownership opportunities under the Quality Employment and Business Opportunities program.

The additional costs associated with cooperating with the Department of Human Services on aspects of the Quality Employment and Business Opportunities program can be absorbed by the Department of Economic and Community Development and the Department of Labor utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

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SUMMARY

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The bill establishes the Quality Employment and Business Ownership Opportunities program as a 3-year demonstration project. The amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause. It restricts eligible participants to persons receiving temporary assistance for needy families. It adds the Department of Labor to the cooperating departments. It reduces the time for the demonstration project to 2 years. It adds language to intent to provide opportunities for clarify the ownership through the grant program. It deletes the advisory committee. It requires the departments and grantees to provide a progress report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services and the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development by March 15, 1998 and a final report, including recommendations on continuation of the program, by January 15, 2000. The amendment also corrects a technical referencing error. It adds a fiscal note and provides funding of \$300,000 per year for the grant program.

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT