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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Reported by: *Senator Paradis*

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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
118TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "*A*" to S.P. 453, L.D. 1427, Bill, "An Act to Create Quality Employment and Business Ownership Opportunities for Social Assistance Recipients"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the passage of the new federal welfare legislation 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

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
3 "~~§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
7 "~~§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
11 program is established to provide job development and business
12 ownership opportunities for individuals receiving temporary
13 assistance to needy families under this Title. The program is
14 created under the jurisdiction and control of the department in
15 conjunction with the Department of Labor and the Department of
16 Economic and Community Development. The program is established
17 as a demonstration project.'

18 Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated
19 "~~§8802.~~" in subsection 1 in the last line (page 2, line 2 in
20 L.D.) by inserting after the following: "employment" the
21 following: 'income'

24 Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated
25 "~~§8802.~~" by striking out all of subsection 5 (page 2, lines 16 to
26 18 in L.D.)

28 Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated
29 "~~§8803.~~" in subsection 3 in the 2nd line (page 2, line 36 in
30 L.D.) by inserting after the following: "workplace" the
31 following: 'or for business ownership'

32 Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated
33 "~~§8805.~~" in the first paragraph in the 2nd line (page 3, line 12
34 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "grantees." the
35 following: 'Services pertaining to business ownership
36 opportunities may be included but are not required.'

38 Further amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of
39 that part designated "~~§8806.~~"

42 Further amend the bill in section 1 by inserting after that
43 part designated "~~§8810.~~" the following:

44 '~~§8811.~~ Report to Legislature

46 The departments and participating grantees shall submit a
47 progress report on the implementation of the program to the joint
48 standing committees having jurisdiction over health and human
49 services and business and economic development matters by March
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15, 1998. A final report must be provided to both joint standing committees including recommendations for continuation of the program and necessary implementing legislation by January 15, 2000.

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "~~§8811~~." in the 2nd line (page 5, line 23 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "2001" and inserting in its place the following: '2000'

Further amend the bill in section 1 by renumbering the sections to read consecutively.

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

Sec. 2. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from the Federal Block Grant fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Additional Support for Persons in Retraining and Employment

All Other	\$300,000	\$300,000
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Allocates funds through a transfer from the Departmentwide program to provide grants under the Quality Employment and Business Opportunities program.

Departmentwide

All Other	(\$300,000)	(\$300,000)
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Deallocates funds through a transfer to the Additional Support for Persons in Retraining and Employment program to provide grants under the Quality Employment and Business Opportunities program.

