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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 616, L.D. 1815, Bill, "An Act to Enhance the State's Work Force Development System"

Amend the bill in section 12 in that part designated "§2006." in subsection 1 in paragraph C in the 2nd line (page 2, line 12 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "concerning" and inserting in its place the following: 'based on the statewide'

Further amend the bill in section 12 in that part designated "§2006." in subsection 1 in paragraph C in the 2nd line (page 2, line 12 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "development" the following: 'policy and strategic plan'

Further amend the bill in section 12 in that part designated "§2006." in subsection 1 in paragraph D in the last line (page 2, line 17 in L.D.) by striking out the following: 'and'

Further amend the bill in section 12 in that part designated "§2006." in subsection 1 by striking out all of paragraph E (page 2, lines 19 to 21 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'E. Creating greater coordination between economic development and human resource development and education programs; and

F. Ensuring a balance between rural and urban workforce development.'

Further amend the bill in section 12 in that part designated "§2006." in subsection 2 in paragraph A in the 4th line (page 2, line 29 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "industry"

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the following: 'with consideration given to a balance among small, medium and large firms'

Further amend the bill in section 12 in that part designated "~~§2006.~~" in subsection 2 in paragraph A in the 5th line (page 2, line 30 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "of the appointments"

Further amend the bill in section 12 in that part designated "~~§2006.~~" in subsection 2 in paragraph A in the 6th line (page 2, line 31 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "this number" and inserting in its place the following: 'the total membership on the council'

Further amend the bill in section 12 in that part designated "~~§2006.~~" by striking out all of subsection 5 and inserting in its place the following:

'5. Functions and duties of the council. The council shall carry out the following duties:

A. Provide policy oversight and recommendations to ensure the effectiveness of labor market information services and programs;

B. Provide policy recommendations to ensure the effectiveness of vocational education programs;

C. Provide policy oversight and recommendations to ensure the effectiveness of vocational programs for people with disabilities with the intent to support efforts that reduce barriers to employment;

D. Provide policy oversight and recommendations to ensure that self-employment, micro-enterprise and small businesses are part of the overall workforce development strategy;

E. Provide policy recommendations to ensure the effectiveness of work-related programs and services for youth, including youth with disabilities, and report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters by January 15, 1999;

F. Provide policy recommendations to ensure the effectiveness of work-related programs and services for "at-risk" youth, and report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters by January 15, 2000; and

2 G. Assume the responsibilities of the State Apprenticeship
3 and Training Council through its subcommittee on
4 apprenticeship.'

6 Further amend the bill in section 12 in that part designated
7 "§2006." in subsection 7 in paragraph C in the 4th line (page 5,
8 line 23 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "the" the
9 following: 'technical'

10 Further amend the bill in section 12 in that part designated
11 "§2006." in subsection 7 in paragraph C in the 6th line (page 5,
12 line 25 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "the" the
13 following: 'technical'

14 Further amend the bill in section 12 in that part designated
15 "§2006." in subsection 7 in paragraph C in the 7th line (page 5,
16 line 26 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "group" the
17 following: 'with consideration given to a balance between rural
18 and urban interests'

19 Further amend the bill in section 12 in that part designated
20 "§2006." in subsection 7 in paragraph C in the 2nd line from the
21 end of the first paragraph (page 5, line 26 in L.D.) by inserting
22 after the following: "the" the following: 'technical'

23 Further amend the bill in section 12 in that part designated
24 "§2006." in subsection 7 in paragraph C in subparagraph (9) (page
25 5, line 47 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "centers" and
26 inserting in its place the following: 'education'

27 Further amend the bill in section 13 in subsection 7 (page
28 7, line 3 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "Council"
29 the following: 'which will be abolished at the conclusion of the
30 CO2 Federal Grant on June 30, 1999'

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

40 FISCAL NOTE

41 The Department of Labor will realize some minor savings from
42 the consolidation of 9 organizations into the Maine Jobs Council.'

46 SUMMARY

47 This amendment clarifies the responsibilities of the Maine
48 Jobs Council and provides that the council has the additional

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responsibility of ensuring balance between rural and urban
workforce development. It requires that consideration be given
to the balance among small, medium and large firms within the
business representation on the council, and clarifies the intent
of the original bill in requiring that organized labor comprise
no less than 15% of the total membership on the council. It
completely replaces the functions and duties of the council and
clarifies that the council's role is to provide policy
recommendations, and in some cases oversight, in the areas listed
under the revised functions and duties. It requires that
consideration be given to a balance between rural and urban
interests in appointing members to the technical support group.
Finally, it clarifies that the responsibilities of the State
Apprenticeship and Training Council will be assumed by the Maine
Jobs Council through its subcommittee on apprenticeship. The
amendment adds a fiscal note to the bill.