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Resolve, to Amend the Qualifications for Participation in the Governor's Training Initiative Program.

Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

OSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative WHEELER of Bridgewater. Cosponsored by Representatives: BELANGER of Caribou, CLARK of Millinocket, JOY of Crystal, KNEELAND of Easton, McALEVEY of Waterboro, O'NEAL of Limestone, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, Senator: KIEFFER of Aroostook.

Sec. 1. Rules to be amended. Resolved: That the Department of Labor and the Department of Economic and Community Development shall amend rules adopted pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 26, section 2031 regarding selection criteria for funding under the Governor's Training Initiative Program. The amendment must allow an applicant to require an employee to work a minimum number of hours per week and a minimum period of time before becoming eligible for an employer contribution toward health The applicant must also be allowed to insurance premiums. provide less than 50% of the cost of the health insurance premium as long as the portion of the premium paid increases and reaches 50% over a reasonable period of time. Rule amendments made pursuant to this resolve are routine technical rules as defined in Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

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SUMMARY

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This resolve requires the Department of Labor and the Department of Economic and Community Development to revise rules setting forth selection criteria for funding under the Governor's Training Initiative Program. The rules must be amended to qualify businesses that have a waiting period for eligibility for employer contributions to health insurance premiums, a minimum work week or a graduated contribution schedule.