

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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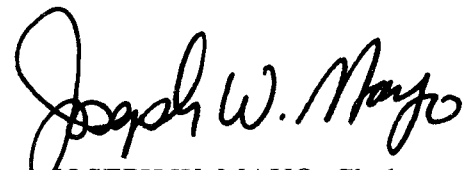
H.P. 1081

House of Representatives, February 25, 1999

**An Act to Provide Funds for Applied Research and Development  
Relevant to the Maine Economy.**

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Reference to the Joint Select Committee on Research and Development suggested and ordered printed.

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative ROSEN of Bucksport.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1519 is enacted to read:

**§1519. Applied Research and Development Fund**

**1. Applied Research and Development Fund.** There is created the Applied Research and Development Fund, referred to in this section as the "fund," to be used for operational costs of applied research and development relevant to the State's economy. Uses of the fund include, but are not limited to, development of new technology to create high-value jobs and businesses in the State; contribution toward commercialization of new technology and products; promotion of international research and development cooperation; enhancement of worldwide competitiveness of state industries; and leverage and matching grants for available federal funding.

**2. Appropriations to fund.** One percent of total actual General Fund revenue of the previous fiscal year must be appropriated to the fund.

**3. Nonlapsing fund.** Any unexpended money appropriated or allocated to the fund may not lapse, but must be carried forward.

**4. Disbursements.** Disbursements from the fund must be made by a nonprofit organization established by the Legislature to distribute and account for all awards. In awarding funds, the organization shall consider the expected return on investment of the award and other expected outcomes that must be defined and measurable. The organization shall provide status reports to the Governor and to the Legislature by December 31st and June 30th of each year.

**5. Applied Research and Development Governing Board.** The Applied Research and Development Governing Board is established to oversee the activities of the nonprofit organization. The board consists of 12 members as follows:

**A. Six members from private industry to be appointed by a majority vote of the Legislative Council;**

**B. One Legislator to be appointed by a majority vote of the Legislative Council;**

**C. The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development or the commissioner's designee;**

**D. The President of the Maine Science and Technology Foundation or the president's designee;**

- 2           E. The Chancellor of the University of Maine System or the  
          chancellor's designee;
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- 6           F. The President of the Maine Technical College System or  
          the president's designee; and
- 8           G. The Director of the State Planning Office or the  
          director's designee.

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## SUMMARY

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This bill establishes the Applied Research and Development Fund to be used for applied research and development relevant to the Maine economy. The fund will receive annual General Fund appropriations equivalent to one percent of actual General Fund revenue for the previous year.

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The bill also establishes an organization responsible for making awards from the fund. A 12-member governing board is established to oversee the activities of the organization.

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