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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 594, L.D. 1718, Bill, "An Act to Ensure that Displaced Workers Have Access to Appropriate Job Training, Education and Employment Services through a Peer Support Program"

Amend the amendment by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of that part designated "§2061." and inserting in its place the following:

**§2061. Program created**

The Peer Support Program for Displaced Workers is created within the department to provide advocacy and information for workers displaced by significant layoffs. The program may initiate one or more projects to assist employees as provided in this chapter and as resources permit. The department is authorized to use any available resources or to apply for federal grants to implement this chapter. Any funds appropriated by the Legislature for a pilot program or this program may not lapse but must be carried forward.'

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

**'Sec. 2. Report.** The Department of Labor shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor by January 14, 2000 on the status of the Peer Support Program for Displaced Workers funded in fiscal year 1999-00 and the availability of funding to continue the program in fiscal year 2000-01 and future biennia.

**SENATE AMENDMENT**

H. 018  
SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 594,  
L.D. 1718

**Sec. 3. Effective date.** Section 1 of this Act takes effect July  
1, 2000.' '

**FISCAL NOTE**

The amendment reduces the General Fund cost of the bill by  
\$1,228,500 in each of fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment clarifies that the Department of Labor is  
authorized to use existing funds or apply for federal funding to  
continue the Peer Support Program for Displaced Workers in fiscal  
year 2000-01 and beyond. The amendment also requires the  
Department of Labor to report to the Joint Standing Committee on  
Labor on the status of the pilot program funded in the "Part 2"  
Budget, along with the availability of any funding to continue  
the program.

This amendment also clarifies that the statutory language  
establishing the program would take effect on July 1, 2000.

Finally, it eliminates the General Fund appropriations  
included in the bill through Committee Amendment "A".

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