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S.P. 790

In Senate, April 15, 1999

An Act to Appropriate Funds for the Welfare-to-work Program.

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on April 15, 1999. Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator PARADIS of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Speaker ROWE of Portland and
Senators: AMÉRO of Cumberland, DAGGETT of Kennebec, President LAWRENCE of
York, MICHAUD of Penobscot, Representatives: MADORE of Augusta, MARTIN of Eagle
Lake, McKENNEY of Cumberland, ROSEN of Bucksport.

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

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6 **Whereas,** Welfare-to-work is a temporary, federally funded,
2-year job placement program targeted at the Temporary Assistance
for Needy Families welfare population that is hardest to serve;
8 and

10 **Whereas,** Welfare-to-work is a \$3,000,000,000, 2-year
initiative that provides needed resources for states and
12 localities to create job opportunities for welfare recipients by
providing the job placement services, transitional employment and
14 support services needed to move those recipients into lasting,
unsubsidized employment; and

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18 **Whereas,** states are required to provide a match of \$1 in
state funds for every \$2 in federal funds; and

20 **Whereas,** Maine is eligible to receive \$9,900,000 over the
2-year period during which the federal funds are available; and

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24 **Whereas,** Maine has committed only \$1,000,000 in state
funds, gaining access to \$2,000,000 in federal funds; and

26 **Whereas,** unless Maine appropriates more funds to the
Welfare-to-work program, the matching federal funds will be
28 forfeited; and

30 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
32 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
34 safety; now, therefore,

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

38 **Sec. 1. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated
from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF

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Welfare-to-work

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All other

\$3,900,000

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Appropriates funds to access \$7,800,000 in

2 matching federal funds to be used for
employment-related and training-related
4 expenses to assist eligible recipients in
the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
6 program through the Welfare-to-work program.

8 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

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12 SUMMARY

14 This bill appropriates \$3,900,000 to the Welfare-to-work
program, a federal grant program to assist states in providing
16 job placement services, transitional employment and support
services to welfare recipients. The appropriation allows the
State to access \$7,800,000 in matching federal funds.