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S.P. 1020

In Senate, February 25, 2000

**An Act to Appropriate Matching Funds for the Study of Nondefense
Uses of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

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

Reference to the Committee on Business and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President LAWRENCE of York.
Cosponsored by Representative WHEELER of Eliot and
Representatives: LEMONT of Kittery, MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, MURPHY of
Berwick, MURPHY of Kennebunk.

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

4 **Sec. 1. Portsmouth Naval Shipyard defense diversification project.**

6 The Southern Maine Economic Development District shall study, in
8 coordination with the Department of Economic and Community
10 Development, the Economic Development Administration, the Town of
12 Kittery, the Market Development Center, the Maine Science and
14 Technology Foundation and the Maine Manufacturing Extension
16 Partnership, the feasibility of using the facilities and
18 technology available at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. The
purpose of the study is to evaluate the facilities at the
shipyard and their potential for use by private sector industries
for nondefense-related projects. Based on the study, the
Southern Maine Economic Development District and the others
involved in the study shall develop a targeted marketing program
aimed at Maine industries, including the development of materials
that highlight both the resources of the shipyard and the Town of
Kittery as a place to do business.

20 **Sec. 2. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated
22 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

24 **2000-01**

26 **SOUTHERN MAINE ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

28 **Southern Maine Economic
Development District**

30 All Other \$50,000

32 Provides funds to match a grant from the
34 Economic Development Administration for a
36 defense diversification project at the
38 Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, including an
40 evaluation of the assets of the shipyard and
the development of materials that promote
the assets of the shipyard and the Town of
Kittery, pursuant to section 1 of this Act.

42 **SUMMARY**

44 This bill appropriates matching funds to provide for an
46 evaluation of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard to determine the
48 utility of the facilities and technologies available at the
shipyard for use by private sector industries for
nondefense-related projects. The evaluation would be conducted

2 by the Southern Maine Economic Development District in
coordination with the Department of Economic and Community
4 Development, the Economic Development Administration, and the
Town of Kittery, among others. At the completion of the
6 evaluation, the same group is required to develop a marketing
plan to advertise the assets available at the shipyard and in the
Town of Kittery.