

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 13, 2001

An Act to Maintain Maine Quality Centers' Current Level of Services.

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative TESSIER of Fairfield.
Cosponsored by President Pro Tem BENNETT of Oxford and
Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, COLWELL of Gardiner, MAILHOT of Lewiston,
RICHARDSON of Brunswick, WINSOR of Norway, Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis,
KNEELAND of Aroostook, President MICHAUD of Penobscot.

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,** the Maine Quality Centers program was created
within the Maine Technical College System by the Maine
Legislature in 1994 to meet the workforce education and training
needs of new and expanding businesses as well as to provide new
employment and career advancement opportunities for Maine people;
and

12 **Whereas,** since its creation, the Maine Quality Centers
program has worked with over 100 new and expanding Maine
businesses and provided customized training to over 6,000 Maine
people with an estimated return on investment of 19 months,
creating wide program acceptance and success based on its ability
to respond quickly to job creation opportunities; and

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20 **Whereas,** a one-time budget transfer in fiscal year 1994-95
provided the program the ability to supplement annual
appropriations to meet employer demand; and

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24 **Whereas,** with the expenditure of that one-time
appropriation, program activities will need to be curtailed from
current levels despite a demand greater than the current annual
appropriation can support; and

28 **Whereas,** the Maine Quality Centers program has proven itself
a cost-effective and efficient economic development resource
supporting both Maine businesses and workers; and

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

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

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

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**MAINE TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM,
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE**

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48 **Maine Technical College System - Maine
Quality Centers**

2 All Other \$440,000

4 Provides for the appropriation of funds to
6 Maine Quality Centers to maintain service
8 levels to qualified businesses requiring
education and training in support of new job
creation.

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

14 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill appropriates \$440,000 to the Maine Technical
18 College System's Maine Quality Centers to prevent a decrease from
current levels of customized training and education services to
qualified Maine businesses adding new workers.