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House of Representatives, March 5, 2001

**An Act to Prioritize Access to Training Under the Workforce Investment  
Act of 1998.**

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Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative MATTHEWS of Winslow.

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA c. 35 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 35

FEDERAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT OF 1998

**§3101. Federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998; use of funds**

In allocating funds to provide services under the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998, 20 United States Code, Sections 9201 to 9276 (1998), at least 1/3 of all funds available for adults and dislocated workers must be spent through individual training programs for the purchase of education and skills training. At least 15% of all funds available under the Workforce Investment Act must be spent for support services, including child care and transportation necessary for individuals to participate in education or training through individual training programs.

**§3102. Report required**

The Department of Labor shall report the following information to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters on an annual basis:

1. Funds received; previous fiscal year. The total amount of funds received by the State for adults and dislocated workers under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 for the previous fiscal year and the distribution of those funds by career center location;

2. Provide core services. The amount of funds received under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 spent to provide core services, intensive services and education and training under Individual Training programs at the end of each calendar quarter in the fiscal year and identified by career center location, including the number of individuals receiving services in each of these categories of service;

3. Purchase of support services. The amount of funds received under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 spent for the purchase of support services for participants receiving core services, intensive services and education and training under an Individual Training program and the number of individuals receiving those services at the end of each calendar quarter, specifying the amount spent for each type of support service at each career center location;

4. Funds for education. The number of individuals who received funds under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 for education and training in a technical college program, a university program or an on-the-job training program;

2           **5. Institutions providing education.** A list of all  
3 institutions and programs providing education or training for  
4 adults and dislocated workers with Individual Training programs;

6           **6. Number of persons who completed plan.** The number of  
7 adults and dislocated workers who completed core services and  
8 intensive service plans and education and training under an  
9 Individual Training program;

10           **7. Wage rates and benefits.** The range of wage rates and  
11 benefits, including health insurance provided, and the full- or  
12 part-time work status for individuals who received core services,  
13 intensive services and training or education under an Individual  
14 Training program, both at the time of placement following the  
15 completion of training and 6 months after the first day of  
16 employment;

18           **8. Number of persons who received degrees.** The number of  
19 adults and dislocated workers who became licensed or certified to  
20 perform a particular job or received an academic degree or  
21 equivalent as a result of participation under the Workforce  
22 Investment Act of 1998; and

24           **9. Copies of performance information.** Copies of  
25 performance information made available to prospective trainees on  
26 each certified training provider under the Workforce Investment  
27 Act of 1998.

## SUMMARY

32           This bill requires that at least 1/3 of all federal funds  
33 received by the State under the federal Workforce Investment Act  
34 of 1998 be used for education and skills training. It further  
35 requires that at least 15% of funds be used for support services  
36 such as child care and transportation for individuals enrolled in  
37 an education or training program. It also requires that the  
38 Maine Department of Labor provide the joint standing committee of  
39 the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters with  
40 certain information annually related to expenditure of funds and  
41 program outcomes under the federal Workforce Investment Act of  
42 1998.