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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 505, L.D. 1592, Bill, "An Act to Offer Businesses and the Technical Colleges Incentives for Providing Workforce Health Care Training"

Amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of the 3rd line (page 1, line 7 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'HEALTH CARE TRAINING'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§12741." by striking out all of subsection 1.

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§12741." by striking out all of subsection 4.

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§12741." by renumbering any nonconsecutive subsection number to read consecutively.

Further amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of those parts designated "§12742." and "§12743." and inserting in their place the following:

'§12742. Health Workforce Retraining Program

The president of the system shall establish the Health Workforce Retraining Program for the purpose of making these education and training programs available to eligible businesses and organizations, including, but not limited to, hospitals, long-term care facilities and other health care facilities, to

2 support the training and retraining of health care employees to  
3 address changes in the health care workforce. The education and  
4 training programs must be established on the basis of need for  
5 workers in a particular area of health care.

6 1. Rules established. The president of the system shall  
7 adopt rules to establish:

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9 A. Criteria for eligible health care businesses and  
10 organizations;

11 B. Guidelines for the establishment of education and  
12 training programs through a request-for-proposal procedure;  
13 and

14 C. Procedures for establishing a matching grant program  
15 allowing state funds to match contributions from the private  
16 sector.

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19 2. Program lapses. The Health Workforce Retraining Program  
20 under subsection 1 is based on a 50-50 partnership between the  
21 State and the private sector. If, by June 30, 2003, there are no  
22 funds from the private sector to be matched by state funds, the  
23 program expires and all state funds lapse to the General Fund.'  
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25 Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated  
26 "~~§12744.~~" in subsection 1 in the 3rd line (page 2, line 31 in  
27 L.D.) by striking out the following: "~~nonlapsing~~" and inserting  
28 in its place the following: 'dedicated'

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30 Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated  
31 "~~§12744.~~" in subsection 1 in the last line (page 2, line 36 in  
32 L.D.) by striking out the following: "~~and the Health Careers~~  
33 ~~Incentive Program~~"

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35 Further amend the bill in section 1 by renumbering any  
36 nonconsecutive section number to read consecutively.

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

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

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46 MAINE TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
47 SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
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**Health Care Training Fund**

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All Other \$100,000

Provides a one-time appropriation for the establishment of the Health Workforce Retraining Program.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

**FISCAL NOTE**

**2001-02**

**APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

General Fund \$100,000

This bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$100,000 in fiscal year 2001-02 for the Board of Trustees of the Maine Technical College System to establish a new education and training program that requires a one-to-one match from private funds.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. The amendment eliminates the Health Careers Incentive Program and changes the Health Workforce Retraining Program from a grant program available to eligible health care businesses and organizations to a matching grant program that establishes education and training programs for eligible health care businesses and organizations that provide dollar-for-dollar matching funds and meet eligibility criteria established by rules of the Maine Technical College System. The amendment also provides a one-time appropriation of \$100,000 in fiscal year 2001-02 to establish the Health Workforce Retraining Program.

This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.