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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" 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 by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Offer Businesses, the University of Maine System and the Technical Colleges Incentives for Providing Workforce Training and Providing Lower-cost Health Care'

Further 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 by striking out all of that part designated "\$12741." and inserting in its place the following:

'\$12741. Definitions

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. Chancellor. "Chancellor" means the Chancellor of the University of Maine System.

2. President. "President" means the President of the Maine Technical College System.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2 Further amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of
that part designated "~~§12742.~~"

4 Further amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of
that part designated "~~§12743.~~" and inserting in its place the
6 following:

8 '~~§12743.~~ Health Workforce Retraining Program

10 The president and the chancellor shall establish the Health
12 Workforce Retraining Program for the purpose of making education
14 and training programs available under section 12743 to eligible
16 businesses and organizations, including, but not limited to,
18 hospitals, long-term care facilities and other health care
employees to address changes in the health care workforce. The
education and training programs must be established on the basis
of need for workers in a particular area of health care.

20 1. Rules established. The president and the chancellor
shall adopt rules to establish:

22 A. Criteria for eligible health care businesses and
24 organizations;

26 B. Guidelines for the establishment of education and
28 training programs through a request-for-proposal procedure;
and

30 C. Procedures for establishing a matching grant program
32 allowing state funds to match contributions from the private
sector.

34 2. Program lapses. The Health Workforce Retraining Program
36 is based on a 50-50 partnership between the State and the private
38 sector. If, by June 30, 2003, there are no funds from the
private sector to be matched by state funds, the program expires
and all state funds lapse to the General Fund.'

40 Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated
42 "~~§12744.~~" by striking out all of subsection 1 and inserting in
its place the following:

44 1. Establishment. The Health Care Training Fund, referred
46 to in this section as the "program fund," is established as a
48 dedicated fund to be directed and administered by the president
and the chancellor and held by the Treasurer of State. The
Treasurer of State shall keep the program fund segregated from
all other funds held by the Treasurer of State and shall invest
50 and reinvest the program fund for the benefit of the Health

Workforce Retraining Program.'

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Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated
4 "~~§12744.~~" by striking out all of subsection 3 and inserting in
its place the following:

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'3. Application of program fund. Money in the program fund
8 must be continuously applied by the president and the chancellor
to carry out this section and may not be used for any other
10 purpose.'

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Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated
14 "~~§12745.~~" in the indented paragraph in the first line (page 3,
line 10 in L.D.) by striking out all of the following: "of the
system" and inserting in its place the following: 'and the
16 chancellor'

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Further amend the bill in section 1 by renumbering the
sections to read consecutively.

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Further amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the
22 following:

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

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2001-02

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TREASURER OF STATE

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Health Care Training Fund

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All Other \$100,000

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36 Provides a one-time appropriation for the
establishment of the health care training
38 fund for use by the Maine Technical College
System and the University of Maine System.'

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

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'FISCAL NOTE

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APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

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General Fund \$100,000

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2 This bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of
3 \$100,000 in fiscal year 2001-02 for the Office of Treasurer of
4 State for transfer as necessary to the Board of Trustees of the
5 University of Maine System and the Board of Trustees of the Maine
6 Technical College System to establish a new education and
7 training program that requires a one-to-one match from private
8 funds. If matching funds are not raised by June 30, 2003, the
9 program expires and all state funds lapse to the General Fund.

10 The additional costs associated with adoption of rules to
11 establish the new education and training program can be absorbed
12 by the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System and
13 the Board of Trustees of the Technical College System utilizing
14 existing budgeted resources.'

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SUMMARY

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19 This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing
20 Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. The amendment
21 eliminates the Health Careers Incentive Program and changes the
22 Health Workforce Retraining Program from a grant program
23 available to eligible health care businesses and organizations to
24 a matching grant program that establishes education and training
25 programs for eligible health care businesses and organizations
26 that provide dollar-for-dollar matching funds and meet
27 eligibility criteria established by rules of the Maine Technical
28 College System and the University of Maine System. The amendment
29 also provides a one-time appropriation of \$100,000 in fiscal year
30 2002-03 to establish the Health Care Training Fund for use by the
31 Maine Technical College System and the University of Maine System.

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This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.