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In Senate, March 13, 2001

**An Act to Offer Businesses and the Technical Colleges Incentives for
Providing Workforce Health Care Training.**

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs 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 Senator LONGLEY of Waldo.
Cosponsored by Senators: BROMLEY of Cumberland, President MICHAUD of Penobscot,
ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, Representatives: DUGAY of Cherryfield, FULLER of
Manchester, JONES of Greenville, TESSIER of Fairfield.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA c. 432-A** is enacted to read:

6 **CHAPTER 432-A**

8 **HEALTH CARE TRAINING AND CAREERS**

10 **§12741. Definitions**

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

14 1. **Board of trustees.** "Board of trustees" means the board of trustees of the system.

16 2. **President of the system.** "President of the system" means the President of the Maine Technical College System.

18 3. **System.** "System" means the Maine Technical College System.

20 4. **Underserved community.** "Underserved community" means a geographical area having a shortage of health care workers as determined by the president of the system and the board of trustees.

22 **§12742. Health Careers Incentive Program**

24 1. **Establishment.** The president of the system shall develop and administer the Health Careers Incentive Program. The program is designed to award scholarships to students pursuing careers in the field of health care who agree to work in an underserved community for a period of 2 years for each year of scholarship, commencing after the student has fulfilled all graduation requirements. The president of the system shall establish criteria for:

26 A. **Selecting communities in need of health care workers;**

28 B. **Selecting particular areas of health care that are in need of workers; and**

30 C. **Student eligibility requirements, using section 12716 as a guide.**

32 **§12743. Health Workforce Retraining Program**

34 The president of the system shall establish the Health Workforce Retraining Program for the purpose of making grants

2 available under section 12744 to eligible businesses and
3 organizations, including, but not limited to, hospitals,
4 long-term care facilities and other health care facilities, to
5 support the training and retraining of health care employees to
6 address changes in the health care workforce. The grants must be
7 awarded on the basis of need for workers in a particular area of
8 health care.

9 1. Rules established. The president of the system shall
10 adopt rules to establish:

11 A. Criteria for eligible health care businesses and
12 organizations;

13 B. Guidelines for the award of grants through a
14 request-for-proposal procedure; and

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

18 2. Program lapses. The Health Workforce Retraining Program
19 is based on a 50-50 partnership between the State and the private
20 sector. If there are no funds from the private sector to be
21 matched by state funds, the program lapses.

22 §12744. Health Care Training Fund

23 1. Establishment. The Health Care Training Fund, referred
24 to in this section as the "program fund," is established as a
25 nonlapsing fund to be directed and administered by the president
26 of the system and held by the Treasurer of State. The Treasurer
27 of State shall keep the program fund segregated from all other
28 funds held by the Treasurer of State and shall invest and
29 reinvest the program fund for the benefit of the Health Workforce
30 Retraining Program and the Health Careers Incentive Program.

31 2. Sources of money. The following sources of money must
32 be paid into the program fund:

33 A. All money appropriated for inclusion in the program fund;

34 B. All interest, dividends or other pecuniary gains from
35 investment of money in the program fund;

36 C. All money received pursuant to participation agreements;
37 and

38 D. Any grants, gifts and other money from the State and
39 from any unit of federal, state or local government or from
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