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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.

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.

Be	it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
	Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA c. 432-A is enacted to read:
	CHAPTER 432-A
	COM IDA ISE A
	HEALTH CARE TRAINING AND CAREERS
812	741 Definitions
3 T7	741. Definitions
	As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise
ind	icates, the following terms have the following meanings.
	1. Board of trustees. "Board of trustees" means the board
o f	trustees of the system.
me ~	2. President of the system. "President of the system" ns the President of the Maine Technical College System.
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	3. System. "System" means the Maine Technical College
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	4. Underserved community. "Underserved community" means a
	graphical area having a shortage of health care workers as ermined by the president of the system and the board of
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	gram is designed to award scholarships to students pursuing
_	eers in the field of health care who agree to work in an
und	erserved community for a period of 2 years for each year of
	olarship, commencing after the student has fulfilled all
-	duation requirements. The president of the system shall
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	A. Selecting communities in need of health care workers;
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	B. Selecting particular areas of health care that are in
	need of workers; and
	C. Student eligibility requirements, using section 12716 as
	a guide.
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2	any person, firm, partnership or corporation for deposit to the program fund.
4	3. Application of program fund. Money in the program fund must be continuously applied by the president of the system to
6	carry out this section and may not be used for any other purpose.
8	§12745. Rulemaking
10	The president of the system shall adopt rules to implement this chapter. Rules adopted pursuant to this chapter are routine
12	technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.
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16	SUMMARY
18	This bill directs the establishment of the Health Careers Incentive Program to encourage students to pursue a career in the
20	field of health care. The program is to award scholarships to students at Maine's technical colleges in return for working in
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24 26 28	The bill directs the establishment of the Health Workforce Retraining Program to make grants available to eligible health care businesses and organizations to provide training and retraining of health care employees to address changes in the health care workforce.