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House of Representatives, February 24, 2005

An Act To Fund Youth Mentoring Programs

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND
Clerk

Presented by Representative FISCHER of Presque Isle.
Cosponsored by President EDMONDS of Cumberland and
Representatives: CAIN of Orono, Speaker RICHARDSON of Brunswick, Senator: MAYO of
Sagadahoc.

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

4 Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA c. 331 is enacted to read:

6 CHAPTER 331

8 MAINE MENTORING PARTNERSHIP GRANT PROGRAM

10 §9901. Maine Mentoring Partnership Grant Program

12 1. Establishment of program grants. The department,
14 through the Maine Mentoring Partnership or its successor
16 organization, shall establish and administer the Maine Mentoring
Partnership Grant Program, referred to in this chapter as "the
program," to provide funding for grants to eligible mentoring
programs.

18 2. Eligible mentoring programs. The department shall
20 develop eligibility criteria for mentoring programs seeking
22 grants under this chapter. At a minimum, the mentoring program
24 must provide guidance, support and encouragement to young persons
through the establishment of structured mentoring relationships
26 to help the young persons develop into confident, competent and
contributing members of society. The relationships may be
28 through one-on-one, group, team or peer mentoring. Eligible
entities include school-based or independent programs, including
a regional collaborative program created to provide mentoring
services.

30 3. Grant size and distribution. Grants must be based on
32 financial need and may range from a minimum of \$1,000 to a
maximum of \$75,000. Of the funds appropriated to the program
34 annually, at least 75% must be used for direct grants, up to 20%
may be used for technical assistance provided by the Maine
36 Mentoring Partnership or its successor organization and no more
than 5% may be used for administrative costs of operating the
program.

38 4. Rules. The department shall develop rules to implement
40 this chapter. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are
42 routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375,
subchapter 2-A.

44 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following
46 appropriations and allocations are made.

48 **EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

50 **Maine Mentoring Partnership Grant Program**

2 Initiative: Provides funds for use by the department through the
3 Maine Mentoring Partnership to provide grants to eligible
4 mentoring programs pursuant to the requirements of the Maine
5 Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapter 331.

6	GENERAL FUND	2005-06	2006-07
	All Other	\$250,000	\$250,000
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10	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$250,000	\$250,000

12 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill establishes the Maine Mentoring Partnership Grant
15 Program administered by the Department of Education through the
16 Maine Mentoring Partnership to provide grants to eligible
17 entities for mentoring programs that provide guidance, support
18 and encouragement to young people through the development of
19 structured relationships. Grants range from \$1,000 to \$75,000,
20 depending on financial need.