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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
124TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1025, L.D. 1474, Bill, "An Act To Assist Maine Workers and Businesses in Succeeding in a Changing Economy"

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Amend the bill by inserting after section 4 the following:

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'Sec. 5. 26 MRSA §1196, sub-§2, ¶D, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 591, §5, is amended to read:

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D. The success rate in placing trainees who receive benefits under those provisions; and

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Sec. 6. 26 MRSA §1196, sub-§2, ¶E, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 591, §5, is amended to read:

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E. The total cost of benefits paid under those provisions and the effect on the Unemployment Trust Fund; and

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Sec. 7. 26 MRSA §1196, sub-§2, ¶F is enacted to read:

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F. The number of persons participating in training while receiving extended unemployment benefits under those provisions during the report year who have previously completed a training program while receiving extended unemployment benefits under those provisions, including the length of time between those enrollments.'

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Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

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SUMMARY

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This amendment requires the Commissioner of Labor to report on the status of persons who are receiving extended benefits for dislocated workers in approved training and have previously received such benefits in the commissioner's annual report due to the Committee on Labor each March 1st.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1474

LR 1983(02)

An Act To Assist Maine Workers and Businesses in Succeeding in a Changing Economy

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"
Committee: Labor
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Undetermined current biennium cost increase - Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation will result in increased benefit payments from the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund beginning in fiscal year 2009-10. The amount can not be determined at this time. However, an analysis performed by the Department of Labor using information from the State of Washington, which has a similar dislocated worker benefit program that allows individuals to receive benefits more than one time during an individual's lifetime, shows that 1.76% of the participants in that state collected benefits under the program more than once. Based on that information, the Department of Labor estimates that had this provision been in place in Maine in 2008 only 5 to 6 individuals would have potentially collected the dislocated worker benefits more than once at a cost of \$18,000. Given this information and the low participation rate under the current program, the Department of Labor does not anticipate that the additional costs of this provision will have a significant impact to the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund.

Additional costs to the Department of Labor to conduct the required study can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.