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An Act To Expand Eligible Project Costs in Development Districts

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, VILLA of Harrison, Senator:
HASKELL of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5225, sub-§1, ¶C**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2011, c.
3 675, §3, is amended to read:

4 C. Costs related to economic development, environmental improvements, fisheries
5 and wildlife or marine resources projects, recreational trails or employment training
6 within the municipality or plantation, including, but not limited to:

7 (1) Costs of funding economic development programs or events developed by
8 the municipality or plantation or funding the marketing of the municipality or
9 plantation as a business or arts location;

10 (2) Costs of funding environmental improvement projects developed by the
11 municipality or plantation for commercial or arts district use or related to such
12 activities;

13 (3) Funding to establish permanent economic development revolving loan funds
14 or investment funds;

15 (4) Costs of services to provide skills development and training for residents of
16 the municipality or plantation. These costs may not exceed 20% of the total
17 project costs and must be designated as training funds in the development
18 program;

19 (5) Quality child care costs, including finance costs and construction, staffing,
20 training, certification and accreditation costs related to child care;

21 (6) Costs associated with new or existing recreational trails determined by the
22 department to have significant potential to promote economic development,
23 including, but not limited to, costs for multiple projects and project phases that
24 may include planning, design, construction, maintenance, grooming and
25 improvements with respect to new or existing recreational trails, which may
26 include bridges that are part of the trail corridor, used all or in part for all-terrain
27 vehicles, snowmobiles, hiking, bicycling, cross-country skiing or other related
28 multiple uses;

29 (7) Costs associated with a new or expanded transit service, limited to:

30 (a) Transit service capital costs, including but not limited to: transit vehicles
31 such as buses, ferries, vans, rail conveyances and related equipment; bus
32 shelters and other transit-related structures; and benches, signs and other
33 transit-related infrastructure; and

34 (b) In the case of transit-oriented development districts, ongoing costs of
35 adding to an existing transit system or creating a new transit service and
36 limited strictly to transit operator salaries, transit vehicle fuel and transit
37 vehicle parts replacements; and

38 (8) Costs associated with the development of fisheries and wildlife or marine
39 resources projects; ~~and~~

