

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 958

House of Representatives, April 4, 2013

**An Act Directing the Department of Economic and Community  
Development To Establish a Program To Promote Economic  
Growth and Development**

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Reference to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development  
suggested and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative CASAVANT of Biddeford.  
Cosponsored by Senator DUTREMBLE of York and  
Representatives: CHENETTE of Saco, DION of Portland, LAJOIE of Lewiston, PEOPLES of  
Westbrook.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §13072, sub-§11** is enacted to read:

3 **11. Provide municipal assistance for job training and projects.** The director shall  
4 establish and monitor a program to promote economic growth and development by using  
5 grants to be matched one-to-one by funds from a municipality for economic development  
6 through on-the-job training for people receiving general assistance who are in need of  
7 training or retraining for jobs that are at risk in projects that retain employment in that  
8 municipality. The funds must be used to:

9 A. Provide on-the-job training for workers of a local employer or business in  
10 partnership with the municipality;

11 B. Provide training for workers through the Maine Community College System in  
12 partnership with the municipality; and

13 C. Issue funds to local small businesses to employ workers for projects in need of  
14 completion.

15 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and  
16 allocations are made.

17 **ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF**

18 **Office of Community Development**

19 Initiative: Provides funds to be used for grants to be matched one-to-one by funds from a  
20 municipality for economic development through on-the-job training for people receiving  
21 general assistance in need of training or retraining for necessary jobs in projects that  
22 retain employment in that municipality that are currently at risk due to lack of funding.

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24	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>
25	All Other	\$5,000,000	\$0
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27	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$5,000,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

28 **SUMMARY**

29 This bill requires the Department of Economic and Community Development to  
30 establish and monitor a program to provide funds to be used for on-the-job training for  
31 people receiving general assistance. Funds will be used to provide training for workers of  
32 a local employer or business in partnership with the municipality and training for workers  
33 through the Maine Community College System in partnership with the municipality and  
34 to issue funds to local small businesses for projects in need of completion.