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In Senate, March 7, 2019

An Act Regarding Telecommunications Infrastructure Costs

Reference to the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BLACK of Franklin.
Cosponsored by Representative LANDRY of Farmington and
Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, DILL of Penobscot, President JACKSON of Aroostook,
Representatives: HALL of Wilton, HEAD of Bethel, RILEY of Jay, SKOLFIELD of Weld.

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 amended by PL 2013, c. 184, §4, is
3 further 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 investment funds and grants;

15 (4) Costs of services and equipment to provide skills development and training,
16 including scholarships to in-state educational institutions or to online learning
17 entities when in-state options are not available, for jobs created or retained in the
18 municipality or plantation. These costs must be designated as training funds in
19 the development program;

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

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

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

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

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

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

