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L D 1394

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MAJORITY

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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
131ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S P 561, L D 1394, "An Act to Expand and Strengthen the Competitive Skills Scholarship Program"

Amend the bill in section 1 in paragraph B in the 2nd line (page 1, line 5 in L D) by striking out the following "04%" and inserting the following '034%'

Amend the bill in section 4 in paragraph C in the first 2 lines (page 1, lines 15 and 16 in L D) by striking out the following "or certified preapprenticeship training program established pursuant to this chapter"

Amend the bill in section 5 in paragraph A in subparagraph (4) in the first line (page 1, line 28 in L D) by striking out the following "Costs" and inserting the following 'Related costs'

Amend the bill in section 5 in paragraph A by striking out all of the 2nd blocked paragraph (page 1, lines 33 to 36 in L D) and inserting the following

'Registered apprentices and individuals participating in a plan that includes a certified preapprenticeship training program approved pursuant to subsection 4 are eligible for services under this subsection, including those necessary to participate in any on-the-job learning component of the program, as long as the registered apprentices and individuals meet the requirement of subsection 5, paragraph C '

Amend the bill by inserting after section 6 the following

'Sec. 7. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made

LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF

Employment Services Activity 0852

Initiative Allocates funds to reflect an increase in the employer contribution rates for the Competitive Skills Scholarship Fund

COMPETITIVE SKILLS SCHOLARSHIP FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000

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COMPETITIVE SKILLS SCHOLARSHIP FUND	<u>\$3,500,000</u>	<u>\$3,500,000</u>
TOTAL		

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

SUMMARY

This amendment changes the Competitive Skills Scholarship Fund planned yield from 04%, as in the bill, to 034% It clarifies that preapprenticeship programs are considered a remedial or prerequisite educational service under the program for which services must be provided when part of an approved plan The amendment limits the items that a program is required under the bill to provide to include only related costs of licensing and certification and limits eligibility for certain services to registered apprentices and individuals who meet certain income requirements The amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1394

LR 1314(02)

An Act to Expand and Strengthen the Competitive Skills Scholarship Program

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-169)
Committee: Labor and Housing
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Projections FY 2025-26	Projections FY 2026-27
Appropriations/Allocations				
Competitive Skills Scholarship Fund	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000
Revenue				
Employment Security Trust Fund	(\$3,500,000)	(\$3,500,000)	(\$3,500,000)	(\$3,500,000)
Competitive Skills Scholarship Fund	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill increases the Competitive Skills Scholarship Fund planned yield from 02% to 034%, thus increasing employer contributions to the Fund by an estimated \$3,500,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2023-24. This bill includes corresponding allocations to the Competitive Skills Scholarship Program within the Department of Labor to support expenditures for additional services for eligible individuals to participate in the program as a result of the increase in revenues. Employer contributions to the Employment Security Trust Fund are reduced by the same amount pursuant to Title 26, section 1166, subsection 8, resulting in this initiative having a zero net impact on employers.