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**An Act to Expand and Strengthen the Competitive Skills
Scholarship Program**

Reference to the Committee on Labor and Housing 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 ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot, Representative GERE of Kennebunkport,
Representative ROEDER of Bangor and
Senators: CURRY of Waldo, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: CLOUTIER of
Lewiston, GEIGER of Rockland, MALON of Biddeford, SKOLD of Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1166, sub-§1, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 506, §1, is further
3 amended to read:

4 B. "Competitive Skills Scholarship Fund planned yield" means the percentage of
5 wages, as defined in section 1043, subsection 19, equal to ~~0.2%~~ .04% of the total wages
6 for each contributing employer subject to this chapter.

7 **Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §2033, sub-§1, ¶A-1** is enacted to read:

8 A-1. "Certified preapprenticeship training program" means a preapprenticeship
9 training program certified by the Maine Apprenticeship Program pursuant to section
10 3213.

11 **Sec. 3. 26 MRSA §2033, sub-§1, ¶D-1** is enacted to read:

12 D-1. "Preapprenticeship training program" has the same meaning as in section 3201,
13 subsection 15-A.

14 **Sec. 4. 26 MRSA §2033, sub-§4, ¶C** is enacted to read:

15 C. A registered apprenticeship program approved pursuant to section 3202 or certified
16 preapprenticeship training program established pursuant to this chapter is deemed to
17 have met the requirements of this subsection.

18 **Sec. 5. 26 MRSA §2033, sub-§6, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 352, Pt. A, §3, is
19 amended to read:

20 A. The program must provide to a participant, in accordance with rules adopted by the
21 department, when education, training and support are not reasonably available from
22 another recognized program and are necessary to carry out that participant's plan:

23 (1) Books, supplies, tools and equipment required by the participant's plan;

24 (2) Child care, transportation and other necessary support as determined by the
25 department; ~~and~~

26 (3) Assistance needed to obtain remedial or prerequisite education necessary for
27 the participant to participate successfully in the program; ~~and~~

28 (4) Costs of licensing or certification necessary to practice in an occupation for
29 which the individual is qualified.

30 Money for mandatory fees or tuition may not be provided unless the participant is not
31 eligible for necessary funds from other public grants or scholarships reasonably
32 available to the participant for this purpose.

33 Registered apprentices and individuals in a certified preapprenticeship training
34 program approved for participation pursuant to subsection 4 are eligible for services
35 under this subsection, including those necessary to participate in any on-the-job
36 learning component of those programs.

37 **Sec. 6. 26 MRSA §2033, sub-§7**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 352, Pt. A, §3, is
38 amended to read:

