

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

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J.S. McCarthy Co., Inc.
Augusta, Maine
1985

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1985

C. The cost of programs for gifted and talented students which have been approved by the commissioner. Federal and state grants used for gifted and talented programs approved by the commissioner may be included as allowable costs under this program.

Sec. 3. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1986-87

EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES,
DEPARTMENT OF

Exceptional Children - Special Education	
Positions	(1)
Personal Services	\$27,965
All Other	<u>52,035</u>
Total	\$80,000

Effective September 19, 1985.

CHAPTER 464

H.P. 76 - L.D. 96

AN ACT to Establish a Business Assistance Referral Program Within the State Development Office.

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §7002, sub-§2, ¶M is enacted to read:

M. The director shall implement a program to assist businesses by referring businesses and persons to the proper agencies designed to provide the business services or assistance requested, and to serve as a central clearing house of information with respect to business assistance programs and services available in the State. The director shall maintain and update annually a list of the business assistance programs and services and the names, locations and telephone numbers of the organizations providing these programs and services that are available within the

State. The director may publish a guide consisting of the business assistance programs and services available from public sector or private sector organizations throughout the State.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA c. 361, sub-c. III is enacted to read:

SUBCHAPTER III

BUSINESS ASSISTANCE AND SERVICE REFERRAL PROGRAM

§7015. Program; design

The Business Assistance and Service Referral Program shall serve to assist owners of new or expanding businesses or persons exploring business opportunities within the State with respect to the business assistance programs and services available throughout the State. This program shall be designed to:

1. Respond to requests. Expeditiously respond to written and oral requests for information about business services and business assistance programs available throughout the State;

2. Obtain and compile information. Obtain and compile the most current and available information pertaining to business assistance programs and services within the State;

3. Delineate programs and services. Delineate the business assistance programs and services by type of program or service and by agency; and

4. Maintain list of marketing programs. Maintain a list, to be updated annually, of marketing programs of state agencies with a description of each program.

§7016. Program to be promoted

The Director of the State Development Office shall advertise and promote the program throughout the State. At a minimum, the program shall be advertised in the major circulating state newspapers as often as necessary to establish a public awareness of the program.

§7017. Agencies to cooperate

State agencies and departments and economic development agencies of political subdivisions of the

State shall cooperate with and expeditiously respond to the requests of the State Development Office. Each organization required by this subchapter to cooperate with the State Development Office shall, at a minimum, provide the State Development Office with descriptions of its business assistance programs and services, marketing programs, geographical areas served, client qualifications, funding levels and other information requested by the State Development Office to implement this program.

§7018. State Planning Office to provide notice of federal grant approval

The State Planning Office shall notify the State Development Office of approvals of federal grants as these apply to economic development.

Sec. 3. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1986-87

STATE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Positions	(1)
Personal Services	\$20,000
All Other	<u>20,000</u>
Total	\$40,000

This appropriation provides funds for the implementation of the Business Assistance and Service Referral Program and includes funding for a 1-800 telephone line and for promotion and advertising of the program.

Sec. 4. Effective date. This Act shall take effect July 1, 1986.

Effective July 1, 1986.