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PUBLIC LAWS
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1985

34-B MRSA §3005 is enacted to read:

§3005. Services to persons who are deaf or hearing impaired

The Bureau of Mental Health shall establish a therapeutic residence program for persons who are deaf and in need of residential mental health treatment. The therapeutic residence program shall be operated in conjunction with existing rehabilitation, education, mental health treatment and housing resources.

The therapeutic residence program shall be staffed by individuals trained in mental health treatment and proficient in deaf communication.

Effective September 19, 1985.

CHAPTER 468

H.P. 707 - L.D. 1017

AN ACT to Provide for State Research Grants.

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004, sub-§8, ¶A, sub-¶(1-A), as amended by PL 1983, c. 862, §§20 and 21, is further amended to read:

(1-A) Business Pine Tree Expenses 10 MRSA §353
Partnership Only
Fund Board

Sec. 2. 10 MRSA c. 7 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 7

PINE TREE PARTNERSHIP FUND

§351. Definitions

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. Board. "Board" means the Pine Tree Partnership Fund Board.

2. Fund. "Fund" means the Pine Tree Partnership Fund.

3. Qualifying small business. "Qualifying small business" means a business employing 30 or fewer employees and having a net worth not exceeding \$250,000.

§352. Fund established

1. Creation of fund. There is established a Pine Tree Partnership Fund which shall be used to provide funding for research grants to small businesses within the State seeking to develop or introduce advanced technology into the marketplace. The fund shall be deposited with and maintained and administered by the Finance Authority of Maine and shall contain appropriations provided for that purpose, interest accrued on the fund balance, funds received by the board to be applied to the fund and any funds received from royalties, equities or other interests in products or services. This fund shall be a nonlapsing fund.

2. Administrative expenses. Costs and expenses of maintaining and servicing the fund and administering the Pine Tree Partnership Fund Grant Program established by this chapter may be paid out of amounts in the fund.

§353. Board

1. Establishment; membership. There is established the Pine Tree Partnership Fund Board which shall consist of 7 members as follows: The Chairman of the Finance Authority of Maine or his designee; the Director of Energy Resources or his designee; the President of the Maine Development Foundation or his designee; a member of the Senate recommended by the President of the Senate and appointed by the Governor; a member of the House of Representatives recommended by the Speaker of the House of Representative and appointed by the Governor; and 2 members of the public appointed by the Governor, who shall be knowledgeable and have favorable reputations for skill, knowledge and experience in the development of technological innovation. The board shall annually elect a chairman from among its members.

2. Terms. The members of the board appointed by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives shall be appointed for terms coterminous with the remainder of the terms for which they were elected. The members appointed by the Governor shall be appointed for terms of 4 years. All other members shall serve during their tenure in the position which they represent on the board. Any va-

cancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the unexpired term of that position.

3. Compensation. Members shall be compensated according to Title 5, chapter 379.

§354. Duties of board

The board shall have the following powers and duties.

1. Receipt of money and property. The board may accept and receive gifts, grants, bequests or devises from any source, including funds from the Federal Government or any subdivision of the Federal Government.

2. Contracts. The board may, with the approval of the Governor, enter into contracts and agreements with educational institutions, nonprofit institutions and organizations, business enterprises and other persons concerned with scientific and technological research and development in the State.

3. Administer grant program. The board shall administer the Pine Tree Partnership Fund Grant Program established by this chapter and may contract with the Finance Authority of Maine for such assistance in administering the program as the board may require.

4. Advice. The board shall provide advice to the Governor and to departments and agencies concerning scientific, technological and engineering matters which relate to economic growth.

5. Rules. The board may promulgate rules, in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375, to carry out this chapter.

§355. Grants

The board may enter into matching grant agreements with any qualifying small business. No grant may be given to any one qualifying small business in excess of \$5,000 in any year. Grants shall be awarded upon the condition that an amount equal to or in excess of the amount of the grant will be dedicated by the business receiving the grant. In awarding grants under this chapter, the board shall give preference to qualifying small businesses which employ 20 or fewer employees. The board may accept a royalty or equity interest in a product or entity in connection with a grant, which rights shall lapse to the State upon repeal of this chapter.

§356. Purposes for which grants may be awarded

The board may award grants to qualifying small businesses for purposes, including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Joint research and development. Development and strengthening of joint research and development efforts, including facilities for advanced technologies' activities, equipment, personnel, land and related activities which will lead to new technologies which will create or preserve jobs;

2. Training and curriculum development. Providing training and curriculum development related to advanced technology in order to provide a skilled work force to secure employment in advanced technology industries;

3. Technology transfer. Technology transfer activities;

4. Advanced technology industries; jobs. Market development, feasibility studies and other activities related to increasing jobs in advanced technology industries;

5. Cooperation. Staff support or other mechanisms to encourage small businesses to cooperate with government and other businesses in promoting advanced technology industrial diversification; and

6. Other. Other appropriate programs of technological research and development carried on by small businesses in the State.

§357. Repeal

This chapter is repealed December 31, 1990.

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

1985-86

Finance Authority of Maine

Pine Tree Partnership
Fund Board

All Other \$150,000

Effective September 19, 1985.