

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
BILL SUMMARY



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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Adopted Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor if it is a floor amendment or the designation "COMMITTEE" if it is a committee amendment.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

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Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

OTP	Ought to Pass
OTP-ND	Ought to Pass in New Draft
OTP-ND-NT	Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
OTP-A	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

Sponsor: PRAY, Perskin, Hussey, Martin, J.  
Committee Report: OTP-AM  
Amendments Adopted:  
S-174 COMMITTEE  
S-266 PEARSON

SUMMARY: LD 1275 provides additional funding of job training through the State's two Job Training Partnership Act service delivery areas via the private industry councils. The bill provides \$1,000,000 each year in the 1987-89 biennium to be used for job training. The following schematic describes how the process would work.

#### COMMISSIONER OF LABOR

1. Approves plans of Private Industry Councils (PIC) for job training.
2. Provides money to PICs.

#### PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCILS

1. Seek funding from other sources to be matched with State funds.
2. Publicize its annual plan.

#### USE OF MONIES

1. Retraining of Displaced Workers.
2. Training of workers ineligible for the programs.
3. Provide support services to people with barriers that restrict participation in training.
4. Assist students about to enter the work force.
5. Develop training packages for economic development.
6. Encourage job creation.
7. Reimbursement of training costs.

QUALIFICATIONS OF PARTICIPANTS  
TO BE SERVED

1. Unemployed workers.
2. Low income persons.
3. The working poor.
4. Persons who find it difficult to find and keep work.
5. Persons with traditional barriers to employment.
6. Disabled workers or workers threatened with displacement.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS  
FOR EMPLOYERS

1. Employers' skilled labor needs cannot be met with their own resources.
2. Employers' investments in expansion or location in Maine depends upon services available.

The bill was amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-175), which:

1. Restores legislative oversight over the United States Job Training Partnership Act program;
2. Provides dependent care and transportation services to eligible participants who otherwise would be unable to participate in a training program;
3. Focuses the Job Training Partnership Act program and the resources provided in the bill to the 95% of the population eligible to participate in the Job Training Partnership Act program, but who do not currently take part in the program;
4. Allows persons with job training needs, but who have assets exceeding federal guidelines, to contribute personal resources toward job training;
5. Requires the private industry councils to submit their annual plans to the Governor before funds may be approved; and
6. Provides legislative review and oversight of the expanded job training program established in the bill.