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An Act To Ensure That State Government Is a Model Employer of People with Disabilities

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §23001, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 570, Pt. A, §1, is amended to read:

2. Plan. Develop by January 1, 2007 and update annually thereafter a plan to increase the opportunities for individuals with disabilities to be employed by that department, agency or instrumentality of the State. This plan must include a description of the extent to which the special needs of employees who are individuals with disabilities are being met. Beginning with the plans updated in 2009, each department, agency and instrumentality of the State shall submit the plans to the Director of the Bureau of Human Resources within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services;

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §23001, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. Report to committees. Submit a biennial report beginning March 1, 2009, compiled by the Director of the Bureau of Human Resources within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, on the plans developed pursuant to subsection 2 to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters and over labor matters and to the Governor's office. The report must include any changes made to the plans, an assessment made by the director of the effectiveness of the plans and any recommendations for legislative action pertaining to the report. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters may submit legislation pertaining to the report to the first regular session of each Legislature;

Effective June 30, 2008