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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
131ST LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 995, L.D. 2280, “An Act to Strengthen Maine’s Workforce Through Preapprenticeship Training Programs”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

‘Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §3213, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 705, §12, is amended to read:

6. Funding. As funds are available, the Maine Apprenticeship Program, through the department, shall make available grants to support preapprenticeship training programs under this section. A preapprenticeship training program shall use the grants to provide meaningful support and stipends to facilitate enrollment and participation in the program. Support may include funding for child care, transportation, training materials, tools, personal protective equipment and reimbursement of other expenses that may be incurred by ~~a student~~ an individual to facilitate the ~~student’s~~ individual’s attendance and participation in the program and funding to facilitate an individual’s readiness to commence on-the-job learning in a registered apprenticeship program. Stipends may include cash payments. In allocating grants among preapprenticeship training programs, the Maine Apprenticeship Program shall give priority to programs that have demonstrated successful engagement and enrollment of students and completion by individuals from historically marginalized communities in preapprenticeship training programs and successful placement and enrollment of and completion by individuals from historically marginalized communities in registered apprenticeship programs.

Sec. 2. Requirements for funding.

1. Administration; directed to certain training programs. Funding provided by this Act for grants to support preapprenticeship training programs is subject to the provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 26, section 3213, subsection 6 and must:

A. Be administered and awarded to preapprenticeship training programs with strong direct entry links with registered apprenticeship programs through a competitive

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1 process administered by the Department of Labor through the Maine Apprenticeship
2 Program; and

3 B. Be directed to preapprenticeship training programs that train individuals for priority
4 sectors for high-wage, in-demand jobs.

5 **2. Majority of funding for certain training programs.** At least 51% of the funding
6 provided by this Act for grants to support preapprenticeship training programs must support
7 preapprenticeship training programs that have:

8 A. Demonstrated successful engagement and enrollment of and completion by
9 individuals from historically marginalized communities in preapprenticeship training
10 programs and successful placement and enrollment of and completion by individuals
11 from historically marginalized communities in registered apprenticeship programs;

12 B. Consistently placed individuals in registered apprenticeship programs that result in
13 a total package value, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 26, section 3201,
14 subsection 23-A, of no less than \$35 per hour upon graduation from the registered
15 apprenticeship program, based on Maine Apprenticeship Program evaluations as
16 required in Title 26, section 3204, subsection 2. On January 15, 2025 and each January
17 15th thereafter, the minimum total package value amount under this paragraph then in
18 effect must be increased by the increase, if any, in the cost of living. The increase in
19 the cost of living must be measured by the percentage increase, if any, as of August of
20 the previous year over the level as of August of the year preceding that year in the
21 Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, CPI-W, for the
22 Northeast Region, or its successor index, as published by the United States Department
23 of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics or its successor agency, with the amount of the
24 minimum total package value increase rounded to the nearest multiple of 5¢; and

25 C. Demonstrated the provision of strong, comprehensive support services essential to
26 ensure success.

27 Funding provided by this Act for grants to support preapprenticeship training programs
28 may also be used for preapprenticeship training program development, support and staffing
29 for grantees.

30 **Sec. 3. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus; Department**
31 **of Labor, Maine Apprenticeship Program, fiscal year 2024-25.** Notwithstanding
32 any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall transfer \$12,000,000 from
33 the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine Apprenticeship Program,
34 Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Labor on or before June
35 30, 2025 to support grants for preapprenticeship training programs.

36 **Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
37 allocations are made.

38 **LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF**
39 **Maine Apprenticeship Program Z375**

40 Initiative: Allocates one-time funds for grants to support preapprenticeship training
41 programs.

42 OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
43 All Other	\$0	\$11,887,635

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 2 OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL _____ \$0 \$11,887,635

3 **Maine Apprenticeship Program Z375**

4 Initiative: Allocates ongoing funds for one Program Manager Employment & Training
 5 position to manage the grants to support preapprenticeship training programs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$101,865
All Other	\$0	\$10,500

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 11 OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL _____ \$0 \$112,365

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 13 **LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF**
 14 **DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	2023-24	2024-25
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$12,000,000
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$12,000,000

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 20 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
 21 number to read consecutively.

22 **SUMMARY**

23 This amendment removes from the bill the provisions providing for the registration of
 24 preapprenticeship training programs. It retains the current law allowing for certification of
 25 these programs. It specifies that at least 51% of the funds provided for grants to support
 26 preapprenticeship training programs must support training programs that have consistently
 27 placed individuals in registered apprenticeship programs that lead to jobs that pay no less
 28 than \$35 per hour.

29 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**
 30 **(See attached)**