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**An Act Regarding the Industry Partnership Assistance  
Collaborative's Grant Program**

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Submitted by the Department of Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 204.  
Reference to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development  
suggested and ordered printed.

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative HERBIG of Belfast.  
Cosponsored by Senator VOLK of Cumberland and  
Representatives: LOCKMAN of Amherst, WARD of Dedham, Senator: PATRICK of Oxford.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §3305, sub-§2, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 368, Pt. FFFFF,   
3 §1, is amended to read:

4 D. A procedure for establishing eligibility requirements. At a minimum, ~~the process~~   
5 ~~to establish~~ this procedure must include the following:

- 6 (1) Involvement of the local workforce investment board;
- 7 (2) Participation of at least 4 employers, with at least 2 employers representing   
8 businesses with fewer than 50 employees;
- 9 (3) Participation of employees and, where applicable, labor representatives;
- 10 (4) Private sector matching funding of at least ~~50%~~ 25%, except that businesses   
11 with fewer than 25 employees may be exempted from this matching funding   
12 requirement at the discretion of the collaborative; and
- 13 (5) Commitment to participate in the performance improvement and evaluation   
14 system established pursuant to section 3307.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill changes the laws governing the Office of the Governor, Industry Partnership   
17 Assistance Collaborative's grant program. It changes eligibility requirements for the grant   
18 program by reducing the grant program's required private sector matching funding from   
19 50% to 25% and allowing the collaborative discretion to exempt businesses with fewer   
20 than 25 employees from the matching funding requirement.