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In Senate, May 19, 2015

An Act To Expand Access to Workforce Development at Brunswick Landing

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GERZOFSKY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative HERBIG of Belfast and
Senators: ALFOND of Cumberland, DIAMOND of Cumberland, HASKELL of Cumberland,
KATZ of Kennebec, MASON of Androscoggin, PATRICK of Oxford, VOLK of Cumberland,
Representative: GIDEON of Freeport.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §2031, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 573, §2, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **1. Program established.** The Governor's Jobs Initiative Program, referred to in this
5 section as the "program," is established to encourage high-quality job creation and
6 expansion by directly linking the education and training resources of this State to job
7 opportunities. To the extent of available resources, the program develops and coordinates
8 training for firms intending to expand or locate in this State, reorganize a workplace to
9 remain competitive or upgrade worker skills by providing essential work competencies
10 such as computer literacy, problem-solving strategies, critical thinking skills, math and
11 science proficiency and team-building skills. The program also supports the
12 redevelopment of Brunswick Naval Air Station, as defined in Title 5, section 13083-H, by
13 providing funding for public-private partnerships for academic programming in
14 composites manufacturing, nursing, business and the arts and sciences and funding for
15 student advising, library and tutoring services.

16 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
17 allocations are made.

18 **LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF**
19 **Governor's Jobs Initiative Program 0842**

20 Initiative: Provides ongoing funds to the Governor's Jobs Initiative Program to support
21 base redevelopment through economic growth and the operation of Southern Maine
22 Community College's new Midcoast Campus at Brunswick Landing. The funding
23 supports public-private partnerships for academic programming in composites
24 manufacturing, nursing, business and the arts and sciences and ensures student success
25 through advising, library and tutoring services at the Maine Advanced Technology and
26 Engineering Center.

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28	GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
29	All Other	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000
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31	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,300,000</u>	<u>\$1,300,000</u>

32 **SUMMARY**

33 This bill provides ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$1,300,000 per year
34 beginning in fiscal year 2015-16 to the Governor's Jobs Initiative Program to increase
35 economic development and provide support for operations and key educational programs
36 at the Maine Advanced Technology and Engineering Center at Brunswick Landing.