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

Amend the amendment in section 1 in subsection 6 in the 8th line (page 1, line 22 in amendment) by striking out the following: "and funding to facilitate" and inserting the following: '; for assistance to address obstacles and to identify and access services necessary for successful participation in a preapprenticeship training program; and for facilitating'

Amend the amendment by striking out all of sections 3 and 4 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 3. Federal funding directed to Maine Apprenticeship Program, fiscal years 2024-25 and 2025-26. For fiscal years 2024-25 and 2025-26, as permitted by federal law, regulation, guidance and grant guidelines and as determined by the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 3102, the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future shall coordinate a process to direct to the Maine Apprenticeship Program established in Title 26, section 3202 1% of all funding that has been or will be received pursuant to the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the federal Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, the federal CHIPS Act of 2022 and any other federal law providing new or expanded funding that is available on or after July 1, 2024 for workforce development activities or for the creation of high-wage, in-demand jobs in apprenticeable occupations, as defined in Title 26, section 3201, subsection 2. The funds directed to the Maine Apprenticeship Program pursuant to this section may not exceed \$12,000,000 and are to be used to make available grants to support preapprenticeship training programs pursuant to Title 26, section 3213, subsection 6.

Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF
Maine Apprenticeship Program Z375

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

SENATE AMENDMENT

	2023-24	2024-25
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND		
All Other	\$0	\$12,000,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$12,000,000</u>

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6 Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
7 section number to read consecutively.

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SUMMARY

9 This amendment amends Committee Amendment "A" to eliminate the transfer of one-
10 time funding from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to support the cost for
11 one Program Manager Employment & Training position and for grants to support
12 preapprenticeship training programs. The amendment instead, for fiscal years 2024-25 and
13 2025-26, requires the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future to coordinate a process to
14 direct to the Maine Apprenticeship Program 1% of all funding that has been or will be
15 received pursuant to the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the federal
16 Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, the federal CHIPS Act of 2022 and any other federal law
17 providing new or expanded funding that is available on or after July 1, 2024 for workforce
18 development activities or for the creation of high-wage, in-demand jobs in apprenticeable
19 occupations. The funding directed to the Maine Apprenticeship Program may not exceed
20 \$12,000,000.

21 **SPONSORED BY:** _____

22 (Senator **ROTUNDO, M.**)

23 **COUNTY: Androscoggin**