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House of Representatives, March 8, 2021

An Act To Promote Immigrant Workforce Development and Community Integration

Reference to the Committee on Labor and Housing suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R. B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative BRENNAN of Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. Task force.** The Department of Labor, Department of Education, Department
3 of Health and Human Services and Maine State Housing Authority shall establish a task
4 force to develop a statewide plan to assist immigrants who need housing, job training,
5 language skills and transportation. The task force may invite the participation of other
6 stakeholders in the work of the task force.

7 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
8 allocations are made.

9 **LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF**

10 **Immigrant Workforce Integration Program N297**

11 Initiative: Provides funds to contract with community-based organizations for language
12 acquisition programs for persons who have recently come to this State as immigrants,
13 refugees or asylum seekers.

14	GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
15	All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000
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17	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$500,000</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>

18 **Immigrant Workforce Integration Program N297**

19 Initiative: Provides funds to contract for workforce development programs, such as college
20 courses, professional licensing and short-term educational programs, for persons who have
21 recently come to this State as immigrants, refugees or asylum seekers.

22	GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
23	All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000
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25	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$500,000</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>

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27 **LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF**
28 **DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

29		2021-22	2022-23
30	GENERAL FUND	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
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32	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$1,000,000</u>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>

33 **SUMMARY**

34 This bill establishes an interagency task force to develop a statewide plan to assist
35 immigrants who need housing, job training, language skills and transportation. The bill
36 also provides funds to contract with community-based organizations for language
37 acquisition programs for persons who have recently come to this State as immigrants,
38 refugees or asylum seekers. It also provides funds to contract for workforce development
39 programs for persons who have recently come to this State as immigrants, refugees or
40 asylum seekers.