

§3789-D. Maine Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Advisory Council

1. Duties. The Maine Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Advisory Council, referred to in this section as "the council," is established by Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 36-C to advise the commissioner or the commissioner's designee regarding education, training, job opportunities, quality employment and business ownership opportunities, the operation of any postsecondary education programs administered by the department and other matters affecting recipients of TANF cash and other TANF recipients.

[PL 2025, c. 5, §2 (AMD).]

2. Members. The commissioner shall appoint the members of the council. Members who fail to attend 2 meetings within a 12-month period may be removed from the council. Members must include at least the following:

- A. Two recipients of benefits under the TANF program; [PL 1997, c. 530, Pt. A, §30 (NEW).]
- B. One representative of employers within the State; [PL 1997, c. 530, Pt. A, §30 (NEW).]
- C. One representative of organized labor; [PL 1997, c. 530, Pt. A, §30 (NEW).]
- D. One representative of women's interests; [PL 1997, c. 530, Pt. A, §30 (NEW).]
- E. One or more representatives of organizations or agencies that have experience in addressing the training, education and job needs of low-income women; [PL 1997, c. 530, Pt. A, §30 (NEW).]
- F. One representative of the one-stop delivery system established under the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, 29 United States Code, Section 3151; and [PL 2017, c. 110, §7 (AMD).]
- G. Two representatives of postsecondary education, one representing private institutions and one representing public institutions. [PL 1997, c. 530, Pt. A, §30 (NEW).]

[PL 2025, c. 5, §2 (AMD).]

3. Advice regarding postsecondary education programs.

[PL 2025, c. 5, §2 (RP).]

4. Compensation and expenses. A member of the council who is not otherwise compensated for the member's time serving on the council by the member's employer or the entity the member represents may be compensated in an amount not to exceed the legislative per diem for the member's time and reimbursed for expenses, including but not limited to meals and refreshments provided during a meeting of the council, child care and travel.

[PL 2025, c. 5, §2 (NEW).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1997, c. 530, §A30 (NEW). PL 2001, c. 667, §C13 (AMD). PL 2003, c. 20, §OO2 (AMD). PL 2003, c. 20, §OO4 (AFF). PL 2017, c. 110, §7 (AMD). PL 2025, c. 5, §2 (AMD).

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