



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1843

LR 2731(03)

An Act To Amend Career and Technical Education Statutes

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (S-466)
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**

Fiscal Note

Establishes pilot projects for CTE middle school programs
Change in CTE funding model

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill establishes pilot projects for middle school career and technical education exploration (CTE) beginning in fiscal year 2018-19 and extending through fiscal year 2020-21. The amount of funding that will be available to be distributed to CTE centers and CTE regions with approved plans will depend on the amount allocated for this purpose in LD 1869, *An Act To Establish the Total Cost of Education and the State and Local Contributions to Education for Fiscal Year 2018-19 and To Provide That Employees of School Management and Leadership Centers Are Eligible To Participate in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System*.

This bill also changes the calculation of state subsidy for career and technical education from an expenditure driven model to a model that recognizes current costs for certain areas such as direct instruction, operation of facilities and administrative support beginning in fiscal year 2018-19. Although the initial requirement to change the funding model for career and technical education was enacted in Public Law 2013, chapter 368, Part C-12 and was to begin in fiscal year 2014-15, legislation approved in subsequent legislative sessions delayed the implementation of this requirement until fiscal year 2018-19. This change in the calculation of state subsidy for CTE will increase the total cost of CTE education by approximately \$1.2 million in fiscal year 2018-19. The cost of funding CTE education based on this new model is also included in LD 1869.

Additional costs to the Department of Education to prepare the required report can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.