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An Act To Provide Funding for Career and Technical Education Based on Projected Enrollment

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative MASTRACCIO of Sanford. Cosponsored by Representatives: FECTEAU of Biddeford, GRANT of Gardiner, HARRINGTON of Sanford, KORNFIELD of Bangor, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, TURNER of Burlington, Senators: LANGLEY of Hancock, WOODSOME of York.

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15688-A, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2015, c. 267, Pt. C,
§10, is repealed.

4 Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §15688-B is enacted to read:

5 §15688-B. Career and technical education costs

6 The commissioner shall expend and disburse funds to the appropriate school 7 administrative unit or career and technical education region for career and technical 8 education in accordance with this section. The commissioner shall take into account any 9 new or expanded career and technical education programs proposed to be offered by a 10 school administrative unit and calculate, expend and disburse funding under this section based on the projected costs for the projected enrollment in career and technical 11 education and not on the enrollment or costs in the current or a previous fiscal year. The 12 allocation for career and technical education must be based upon a program-driven model 13 14 that considers components for direct instruction, central administration, supplies, 15 operation and maintenance of plant, other student and staff support and equipment for the projected enrollment for the fiscal year of the allocation. The commissioner shall consult 16 17 with the school board of the school administrative unit or the cooperative board of the 18 career and technical education region in determining the projected enrollment in career 19 and technical education. Monthly payments must be made directly to school 20 administrative units with career and technical education centers and directly to career and 21 technical education regions. If a school administrative unit with a career and technical 22 education center or a career and technical education region has any unexpended funds at 23 the end of the fiscal year, these funds must be carried forward for the purposes of career 24 and technical education.

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SUMMARY

This bill modifies the funding model for career and technical education costs. This bill requires that the state allocation for these costs be based on the projected enrollment for the fiscal year of the allocation rather than actual enrollment in a prior year.