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STATE OF MAINE
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(Filing No. S-175)

SENATE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 98, L.D. 122, Bill, "AN ACT to Clarify Vocational Education Reimbursement in Vocational Centers and Vocational Regions."

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 5 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 5. 20 MRSA §3748, sub-§1, ¶C, sub-¶(2), as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 746, §24-I, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

(2) Vocational education. Reimbursement for vocational education shall be limited to 90% of the estimated costs or 90% of the actual expenditures, whichever is less.

Any vocational center shall have the authority to bill its member units for any reduction in vocational education subsidies in proportion to the number of students served on October 1st and April 1st of the year immediately prior to the year of allocation. Any vocational region shall have the same authority to bill vocational centers for any students which they may send to the region for vocational education programs.

Any vocational center may bill its member units a per pupil tuition cost for the school year 1977-78 only. The allowable per pupil tuition rate for each center shall be computed and set by the commissioner in the following manner:

(a) The difference between 90% of the actual costs for vocational programs in the school year 1976-77 and the vocational subsidy allocation for the school year 1977-78 shall be computed; and

(b) That difference shall be divided by the number of pupils served on October 1st and April 1st of the school year 1976-77 to determine the per pupil tuition rate.

If any bill authorized under ^{this subparagraph} ~~is not paid~~ within 30 days after submission, the vocational center or region may appeal to the commissioner under section 1292.

Vocational regions shall be declared to be administrative units entitled to receive state aid. All subsidies earned by vocational regions, vocational centers or satellites shall be paid directly to the administrative unit which operates the vocational region, center or satellite.

Expenditures for the first 6 months and expenditure estimates for the next 6 months as submitted by vocational regions, or member units of those regions, shall be used in computing transportation reimbursements to the regions for the fiscal year 1978 and thereafter, notwithstanding any other section of this Title. The commissioner is authorized to obtain expenditures and estimates and to make the necessary adjustments in vocational education cost estimates in accordance with the definition of vocational education costs for subsidy purposes.'

Statement of Fact

Pursuant to the funding process for the 1977-78 school year, the sending units to a vocational center are being reimbursed for certain operation costs incurred by the center in the 1976-77 school year. This amendment provides a mechanism for the centers to capture those subsidy dollars which are flowing to the sending units for costs actually incurred by the center in the 1976-77 school year.

This amendment also reorganizes existing law.

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