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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
108TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

(Filing No. S-158)

SENATE AMENDMENT "A " to H.P. 221, L.D. 285, Bill, "AN ACT to Increase Flexibility in the Funding and Operation of the Vocational-Technical Institutes."

Amend the Bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'20 MRSA §2363 is enacted to read:

§2363. Maine Vocational-technical Institute Fund

1. Definition. All vocational-technical institute tuition revenue which, in any given year, exceeds the Governor's budget estimates for that year and all donations or monetary gifts offered to the vocational-technical institutes shall be credited by the Treasurer of State to a special, nonlapsing Maine Vocational-technical Institute Fund.

2. Allocation of fund. The commissioner, upon application by a vocational-technical institute, may authorize that institute, in addition to the funds appropriated by the Legislature:

- A. To expend up to the amount of money in the Maine Vocational-technical Institute Fund which was generated by that institute;
- B. To expend money in excess of the amount generated by that institute in accordance with rules and regulations developed by the commissioner and approved by the state board of Education; and

C. To expend public or private donations, or gifts, specifically donated, or given, to the institute to fund an identified project in accordance with the plan for the project as submitted by the institute to the Governor and as approved by the Governor.

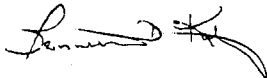
3. School of practical nursing. The vocational-technical institute shall include the school of practical nursing in Waterville for purposes of this section.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment will allow the Department of Educational and Cultural Services to offer special programs in areas where need is determined.

(Katz)

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