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H. P. 903

House of Representatives, March 9, 1979

On Motion of Mr. Connolly of Portland, referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Lewis of Auburn.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT Concerning the Governance of Vocational Centers.

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

Sec. 1. 20 MRSA § 2356-A, sub-§ 6, 2nd sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 205, § 2, is amended to read:

The director shall be responsible to the appropriate administrative officers of the administrative school unit operating the center **and, for the establishment and maintenance of programs, shall be responsible to the program committee.**

Sec. 2. 20 MRSA § 2356-A, sub-§ 8 is enacted to read:

8. Program committee.

- A. A program committee shall be established in each vocational center.**
- B. The program committee shall be the sole authority for the establishment and maintenance of vocational education programs in the center.**
- C. The program committee shall be composed of the members of the advisory committee, the superintendent of schools of the unit operating the center and a member of the school committee or board of directors of the unit operating the center chosen by the respective committee or board.**

D. Voting of the program committee shall be on the basis of 1,000 weighted votes apportioned to each member, as follows:

- (1) Divide the average number of resident pupils on October 1st and April 1st in vocational education, in the participating unit in the year prior to the year of allocation of funds, by the average number of resident pupils on the same days in vocational education in the center in the same year;**
- (2) Multiply the quotient computed in subparagraph (1) by 1,000; and**
- (3) Divide the product computed in subparagraph (2) by 2.**

Sec. 3. 20 MRSA § 4743, sub-§ 23, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 625, § 8, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

23. Vocational education costs. "Vocational education costs," for subsidy purposes, shall include the following:

- A. All costs incurred by the vocational regions, centers or satellites in providing approved secondary school vocational education programs as defined in section 2356-A, subsection 3; and**
- B. All tuition for secondary school vocational education programs, as defined in section 2356-A, subsection 3, paid by participating units in vocational centers.**

Sec. 4. 20 MRSA § 4748, sub-§ 5, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 625, § 8, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

5. Vocational education allocation; tuition authority; billing authority; appeal to the commissioner; payment of the state subsidy.

- A. The vocational education allocation shall be the unit's expenditures for vocational education costs minus any tuition received for vocational programs, as authorized in paragraph B.**
- B. Any vocational center may bill any participating unit a tuition charge which shall be computed as follows:**

(1) Subtract the unit's state-local allocation for vocational education from the estimated costs of vocational education for the year of allocation of funds; and

(2) Divide the result computed in subparagraph (1) by the average number of resident pupils in vocational education in the unit on October 1st and April 1st in the year prior to the year of allocation.

C. If any bill authorized under paragraph B is not paid within 30 days after submission, the vocational center or region may appeal to the commission under section 1292.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purposes of this bill are to:

1. Authorize vocational centers to charge tuition to participating units for vocational education programs; and
2. Provide that a program committee, composed by representatives from the participating units as well as the center, has the sole authority for the establishment and maintenance of vocational education programs.