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Presented by Senator Collins of Knox.

Cosponsors: Senators Shute of Waldo and Perkins of Hancock.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

# STATE OF MAINE

#### IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINE

### AN ACT Relating to Vocational Education Regions.

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, vocational programs at the secondary school level are vital to the education of Maine students; and

Whereas, because of changes in state laws relating to the financing of education, public support for secondary school vocational programs in some regions of the State has been undermined; and

Whereas, legislation is required to encourage renewed support of these programs; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. 20 MRSA § 4750, sub-§ 5, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 625, § 8, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

5. State allocation payments to vocational regions; adjustment of payments on certain projects.

A. The state allocation for debt service on bonds issued by the cooperative board of any vocational region shall be paid directly to the treasurers of the board, notwithstanding any other statute.

B. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the state allocation for debt service on bonds issued by the cooperative board of any vocational region for any construction project approved between January 1, 1974 and July 1, 1977, shall be adjusted to include the total amount of the local allocation for debt service on the project.

**Sec. 2.** Appropriation. The following funds shall be appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved unless otherwise indicated, and payments authorized under the Act shall be made retroactive to July 1, 1978.

### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to ensure that the State includes the local allocation for debt service on projects approved between January 1, 1974 and July 1, 1977, in vocational regions as part of its payment of the state allocation for debt service on these projects.