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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative CONLEY of Portland.
Cosponsored by Representative OLIVER of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINE

**An Act to Provide for Local School District Support for Vocational
Centers.**



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

3 **20-A MRSA §8404, sub-§3, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 1981, c. 693,
5 **§§5 and 8, is amended to read:**

7 B. May Shall develop a cooperative agreement which shall
9 delineate the duties and powers of the advisory committee
11 and devise a formula for sharing costs no later than June
13 30, 1990. The agreement is subject to ratification by all of
15 the school boards of the participating administrative
17 units. This agreement shall be reviewed annually, with a
19 copy being submitted to the commissioner. The cost-sharing
21 formula shall pertain to the cost of vocational educational
programs which exceed expenditures made for those programs
in the base year. If the school boards of the participating
units cannot agree by June 30, 1990, the department shall
specify the terms of the agreement patterned after the
cost-sharing and governance models adopted by other
vocational center advisory committees or the models used by
the vocational regions. The cost-sharing formula developed
by the department shall compute costs on a per student basis.

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25 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

27 The present law governing vocational centers allows the
29 school units which participate in the center to develop a
cooperative agreement on sharing costs and delineating the powers
and duties of the advisory committee composed of the
31 superintendents from the participating districts. This bill
would require the participating school units in each vocational
33 region to develop a cooperative agreement. If the districts were
unable to arrive at an agreement, the department would specify
35 the terms of the agreement patterned after the agreements used by
other vocational centers or by the vocational regions.