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No. 1793

S.P. 628

In Senate, March 9, 1999

An Act Regarding Funding for Vocational Technical Schools.

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator KONTOS of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senators: AMERO of Cumberland, RAND of Cumberland, Representatives:
BRENNAN of Portland, CIANCHETTE of South Portland, CLOUGH of Scarborough,
QUINT of Portland, TOWNSEND of Portland, WATSON of Farmingdale.

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

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Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §8404, sub-§3, ¶C, as amended by PL 1991, c. 716, §§6 and 7, is further amended to read:

6 C. Shall, in the event that the school boards of School
Administrative District No. 27, School Administrative
8 District No. 33 and Madawaska School Department enter into a
cooperative agreement pursuant to section 8401 and a new
10 applied technology center in Maine School Administrative
District No. 33 becomes operational, devise a cost sharing
12 formula for the center established thereby pertaining to the
cost of applied technology educational programs ~~which~~ that
14 exceed expenditures made for those programs in the base year
as adjusted pursuant to section 15603, subsection 5 and to
16 the local share of debt service costs attributable to
construction of the center in School Administrative District
18 No. 33; and

20 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §8404, sub-§3, ¶D,** as enacted by PL 1991, c.
518, §15, is amended to read:

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24 D. May devise a formula for sharing costs of the center
among the units served by that center. Such a formula or
any amendment to the formula must be ratified by the school
26 board of each unit or affiliated unit served by the center.
Any such unit may withdraw, subject to obligations incurred
28 by the unit for any debt issued previously by or for the
benefit of the center, from such a cost-sharing formula at
30 the end of any fiscal year following one year's written
notice to all other units served by the center. Following
32 withdrawal by such a unit, the center shall, if the unit
wishes, continue to serve that unit under a financial
34 arrangement approved by the center that does not assess the
unit a per pupil assessment that exceeds the per pupil
36 assessments of the other participating units-;

38 **Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §8404, sub-§3, ¶E, F, G and H** are enacted to
read:

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42 E. Shall, for the purposes of calculating program costs for
state subsidy purposes for fiscal year 2000-01 for the City
of Portland and the other school units affiliated with
Portland Arts and Technology High School, reallocate the
total applied technology education costs of Portland Arts
and Technology High School for fiscal year 1999-00 among the
City of Portland and those units on the basis of the average
of the percentage of the number of pupils attending Portland
Arts and Technology High School from the City of Portland
and each of those units on October 1, 1997 and October 1,
48 1998;
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2 F. Shall, for the purposes of calculating program costs for
4 state subsidy purposes for fiscal year 2001-02 for the City
6 of Portland and the other school units affiliated with
8 Portland Arts and Technology High School, reallocate the
10 total applied technology education costs for fiscal year
12 1999-00 among the City of Portland and those units on the
14 basis of the average of the percentage of the number of
16 pupils attending Portland Arts and Technology High School
18 from the City of Portland and each of those units on October
20 1, 1998 and October 1, 1999;

22 G. Shall, for the purposes of calculating program costs for
24 state subsidy purposes of fiscal year 2000-01 for the City
26 of Westbrook and the other school units affiliated with
28 Westbrook Regional Vocational Center, reallocate the total
30 applied technology education costs of Westbrook Regional
32 Vocational Center for fiscal year 1998-99 among the City of
34 Westbrook and those units on the basis of the average of the
percentage of the number of pupils attending Westbrook
Regional Vocational Center from the City of Westbrook and
each of those units on October 1, 1997 and October 1, 1998;
and

24 H. Shall, for the purposes of calculating program costs for
26 state subsidy purposes for the fiscal year 2001-02 for the
28 City of Westbrook and the other school units affiliated with
30 Westbrook Regional Vocational Center, reallocate the total
32 applied technology education costs of Westbrook Regional
34 Vocational Center for fiscal year 1999-00 among the City of
Westbrook and those units on the basis of the average of the
percentage of the number of pupils attending Westbrook
Regional Vocational Center from the City of Westbrook and
each of those units on October 1, 1998 and October 1, 1999.

36 **Sec. 4. 20-A MRSA §8404, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

38 4. Cost-sharing agreement; amend. The commissioner may
40 approve an amendment to the cost-sharing agreement of an applied
42 technology center, adopted by the participating school units,
44 that provides that the costs of the applied technology center
46 must be reallocated among the participating school units for the
purposes of calculating the state subsidy to those units for not
more than 2 years in order to ease the transition to a new
cost-sharing agreement.

48 SUMMARY

50 This bill allows reallocation of applied technology costs
52 education for the Portland Arts and Technology High School and
the Westbrook Regional Vocational Center intended to go into

effect for fiscal year 2000-01. The bill also authorizes the
2 Commissioner of Education to approve similar provisions in
amendments to the cost-sharing agreements of the other applied
4 technology centers.