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**An Act To Rename the Former Vocational-technical Secondary  
Education Schools, Now Called Applied Technology Centers,  
Applied Career Technology Centers**

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative LEDWIN of Holden.  
Cosponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Penobscot and  
Representatives: ANDREWS of York, CUMMINGS of Portland, DAVIS of Falmouth, FINCH  
of Fairfield, MURPHY of Kennebunk, Senators: DOUGLASS of Androscoggin, WESTON of  
Waldo.

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

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3       **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §8301-A**, as corrected by PL 1991, c. 2,  
4       §61, is amended to read:

6       **§8301-A. Definitions**

8       As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise  
9       indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

10       **1. Affiliated unit.** "Affiliated unit" means a school  
11       administrative unit that is affiliated with another school  
12       administrative unit that operates an applied career technology  
13       center. An affiliated school administrative unit may have its  
14       secondary students served by an applied career technology center  
15       operated by a school administrative unit with which it is  
16       affiliated. An affiliated school administrative unit may also  
17       operate applied career technology satellite programs.

18       **2. Budget failure.** "Budget failure" means the failure of  
19       an applied career technology region, by August 1st of any fiscal  
20       year, to approve a budget for the applied career technology  
21       region that is at least equal to the sum of the total allocations  
22       for applied career technology education of the member school  
23       administrative units in the applied career technology region.

24       **3. Center.** "Center" means an administrative entity  
25       established pursuant to this chapter that provides applied career  
26       technology education to secondary students. Unless otherwise  
27       specifically provided for by this chapter, an applied career  
28       technology center is governed, operated and administered by a  
29       single school administrative unit. An applied career technology  
30       center shall make its programs available to serve secondary  
31       students from school administrative units with which it is  
32       affiliated. An applied career technology center may include  
33       within its administrative structure applied career technology  
34       satellite programs operated by school administrative units with  
35       which it is affiliated.

36       **4. Municipality.** "Municipality" has the same meaning as in  
37       section 15603, subsection 19.

38       **5. Parent.** "Parent" means a parent, as defined in section  
39       1, subsection 20, with legal custody of a minor child.

40       **6. Region.** "Region" means a quasi-municipal corporation  
41       established by the Legislature to provide applied career  
42       technology education to secondary students that is comprised of  
43       all the school administrative units within the geographical  
44       boundaries set forth for each applied career technology region in

2 section 8451. An applied career technology region is governed by  
a cooperative board formed and operating in accordance with this  
chapter.

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6 **7. Residence.** "Residence" means, with reference to a  
person's eligibility to receive vocational education, the school  
administrative unit in which is located the legal residence of  
8 the person's parent if the person has not reached 18 years of  
age, the legal residence of the person after the person reaches  
10 18 years of age or the legal residence of the person after the  
person becomes an emancipated minor. A federal reservation is  
12 considered part of the school administrative unit in which it is  
located.

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16 **8. Satellite program.** "Satellite program" means a program  
providing applied career technology education to secondary  
18 students that is operated, under section 8403, by a school  
administrative unit affiliated with an applied career technology  
center.

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22 **9. State subsidy.** "State subsidy" has the same meaning as  
in section 15603, subsection 26.

24 **10. Unit.** "Unit" means a school administrative unit.

26 **11. Applied career technology education.** "~~Vocational~~  
28 Applied career technology education" means a course or program of  
education designed to create or improve job-related skills that  
is part of a secondary school curriculum and approved by the  
30 commissioner according to this chapter. A school administrative  
unit shall make ~~vocational~~ applied career technology education  
32 available to persons residing in the school administrative unit  
who are eligible to receive free public secondary education.

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36 **Sec. 2. Revision clause.** Wherever in the Maine Revised  
Statutes the words "Bureau of Applied Technology and Adult  
Learning" appear or reference is made to that bureau, that phrase  
38 is amended to read and mean "Bureau of Applied Career Technology  
and Adult Learning."

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42 **Sec. 3. Revision clause.** Wherever in the Maine Revised  
Statutes the words "Division of Applied Technology Education"  
appear or reference is made to that division, that phrase is  
44 amended to read and mean "Division of Applied Career Technology  
Education."

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48 **Sec. 4. Revision clause.** Wherever in the Maine Revised  
Statutes the words "applied technology education" appear or  
reference is made to that phrase, that phrase is amended to read  
50 and mean "applied career technology education."

2           **Sec. 5. Revision clause.**   Wherever in the Maine Revised  
3 Statutes the words "applied technology center," "applied  
4 technology region," "applied technology satellite," "applied  
5 technology program" and "applied technology course of study"  
6 appear or reference is made to those phrases, the phrases are  
7 amended to read and mean "applied career technology center,"  
8 "applied career technology region," "applied career technology  
9 satellite," "applied career technology program" and "applied  
10 career technology course of study."

12           **Sec. 6. Revision clause.**   Wherever in the Maine Revised  
13 Statutes, Title 20-A the words "applied technology" appear or  
14 reference is made to that phrase when referring to an educational  
15 purpose and training for careers, that phrase is amended to read  
16 and mean "applied career technology."

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### SUMMARY

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21           This bill changes the words "applied technology" to "applied  
22 career technology" throughout the Maine Revised Statutes.