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SENATE

125TH LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 616, L.D. 1779, Bill, "An Act To Update the Career and Technical Education Laws"

Amend the bill by striking out all of the emergency preamble (page 1, lines 1 to 18 in L.D.)

Amend the bill by inserting after section 4 the following:

'Sec. 5. 20-A MRS A §8301-A, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Articulation agreement. "Articulation agreement" means an agreement between a center or region and a postsecondary institution that:

A. Sets forth a nonduplicative learning pathway for a specific program by which students have an opportunity to acquire a technical skill proficiency, a credential, a certificate or a degree; and

B. Includes a credit transfer agreement between the 2 institutions.'

Amend the bill in section 9 in §8306-B by striking out all of subsections 4 and 5 (page 4, lines 19 to 25 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

4. Learning pathways and articulation agreements with postsecondary institutions. To the greatest extent possible, a career and technical education program offered at a center or region must provide students the opportunity to take advantage of any applicable learning pathways, including learning pathways set forth in an articulation agreement with a postsecondary institution.

5. Application. A statewide career and technical education program seeking approval from the commissioner after the effective date of this section must meet the requirements of this section. A program approved by the commissioner prior to the effective date of this section must certify to the commissioner not later than July 1, 2013 that the program meets industry standards.'

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 10 and 11.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 616, L.D. 1779

1 Amend the bill in section 12 in §8401 in subsection 1 in the 2nd line (page 4, line 34  
2 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "units" the following: 'and must serve its  
3 affiliated units'

4 Amend the bill by striking out all of section 23.

5 Amend the bill by striking out all of the emergency clause.

6 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or  
7 section number to read consecutively.

8 **SUMMARY**

9 This amendment does the following:

- 10 1. It removes the emergency preamble and emergency clause;
- 11 2. It defines "articulation agreement" in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A,  
12 chapter 313. The definition is based on federal regulations under the federal Carl D.  
13 Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006, Public Law 109-270;
- 14 3. It requires career and technical education programs to provide learning pathways,  
15 including those set forth in articulation agreements with postsecondary institutions, and  
16 provides that an existing approved career and technical education program does not need  
17 to go through the entire approval process again, but only needs to certify to the  
18 Commissioner of Education that the program, as adopted, is designed to enable a student  
19 to meet industry standards. It also changes the effective date of this requirement from  
20 July 1, 2012 to July 1, 2013;
- 21 4. It reinstates the local approval requirement for reorganization of career and  
22 technical education centers or regions;
- 23 5. It clarifies that a career and technical education center is not only operated in  
24 certain municipalities but must serve its affiliated units; and
- 25 6. It strikes a provision relating to the late payments of assessments by member units  
26 of a career and technical education region.

27 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

28 (See attached)

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



# 125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1779

LR 2566(02)

## An Act To Update the Career and Technical Education Laws

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" S-416

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

Potential State Mandate - Unfunded

#### State Mandates

**Required Activity**

Requires all career and technical education programs to be based on national industry standards, or state level standards if national industry standards are not available or applicable.

**Unit Affected**

School

**Local Cost**

Moderate  
limited scope

The required local activities in this bill may represent a State mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. Unless General Fund appropriations are provided to fund at least 90% of the additional costs or a Mandate Preamble is amended to the bill and two-thirds of the members of each House vote to exempt this mandate from the funding requirement, municipalities may not be required to implement these changes.

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Education to establish an industry stakeholder group and/or stakeholder groups to adopt or create national or state industry standards for all career and technical education programs can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.

Additional costs to local school administrative units can not be determined at this time and will depend on the industry standards accepted by the commissioner.