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House of Representatives, March 14, 2017

**An Act To Provide Funding for Career and Technical Education
Based on Projected Enrollment**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative MASTRACCIO of Sanford.
Cosponsored by Representatives: FECTEAU of Biddeford, GRANT of Gardiner,
HARRINGTON of Sanford, KORNFELD of Bangor, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, TURNER
of Burlington, Senators: LANGLEY of Hancock, WOODSOME of York.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15688-A, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 267, Pt. C,
3 §10, is repealed.

4 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §15688-B** is enacted to read:

5 **§15688-B. Career and technical education costs**

6 The commissioner shall expend and disburse funds to the appropriate school
7 administrative unit or career and technical education region for career and technical
8 education in accordance with this section. The commissioner shall take into account any
9 new or expanded career and technical education programs proposed to be offered by a
10 school administrative unit and calculate, expend and disburse funding under this section
11 based on the projected costs for the projected enrollment in career and technical
12 education and not on the enrollment or costs in the current or a previous fiscal year. The
13 allocation for career and technical education must be based upon a program-driven model
14 that considers components for direct instruction, central administration, supplies,
15 operation and maintenance of plant, other student and staff support and equipment for the
16 projected enrollment for the fiscal year of the allocation. The commissioner shall consult
17 with the school board of the school administrative unit or the cooperative board of the
18 career and technical education region in determining the projected enrollment in career
19 and technical education. Monthly payments must be made directly to school
20 administrative units with career and technical education centers and directly to career and
21 technical education regions. If a school administrative unit with a career and technical
22 education center or a career and technical education region has any unexpended funds at
23 the end of the fiscal year, these funds must be carried forward for the purposes of career
24 and technical education.

25 **SUMMARY**

26 This bill modifies the funding model for career and technical education costs. This
27 bill requires that the state allocation for these costs be based on the projected enrollment
28 for the fiscal year of the allocation rather than actual enrollment in a prior year.