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An Act To Enable Earlier Introduction of Career and Technical Education in Maine Schools

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)
Cosponsored by Representative SAMPSON of Alfred and
Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, SAVIELLO of Franklin, WHITTEMORE of Somerset,
WOODSOME of York, Representatives: GINZLER of Bridgton, KORNFIELD of Bangor,
McCREA of Fort Fairfield, TURNER of Burlington.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §8301-A, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 545, §1, is
3 further amended to read:

4 **1. Affiliated unit.** "Affiliated unit" means a school administrative unit that is
5 affiliated with another school administrative unit that operates a center. An affiliated
6 school administrative unit may have its secondary students and middle school level
7 students served by a center operated by a school administrative unit with which it is
8 affiliated. An affiliated school administrative unit may also operate career and technical
9 education satellite programs.

10 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §8301-A, sub-§2-A**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 545, §1, is
11 amended to read:

12 **2-A. Career and technical education.** "Career and technical education" means a
13 course or program of education designed to create or improve job-related skills that is
14 part of a secondary school or middle school level curriculum and approved by the
15 commissioner according to this chapter. A school administrative unit shall make career
16 and technical education available to persons residing in the school administrative unit
17 who are eligible to receive free public secondary and middle school level education.

18 **Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §8301-A, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 545, §1, is
19 further amended to read:

20 **3. Center.** "Center" means an administrative entity established pursuant to this
21 chapter that provides career and technical education to secondary students and middle
22 school level students. Unless otherwise specifically provided for by this chapter, a center
23 is governed, operated and administered by a single school administrative unit. A center
24 shall make its programs available to serve secondary students and middle school level
25 students from school administrative units with which it is affiliated. A center may
26 include within its administrative structure career and technical education satellite
27 programs operated by school administrative units with which it is affiliated.

28 **Sec. 4. 20-A MRSA §8301-A, sub-§3-A** is enacted to read:

29 **3-A. Middle school level.** "Middle school level" has the same meaning as in section
30 15672, subsection 20.

31 **Sec. 5. 20-A MRSA §8301-A, sub-§§6 and 8**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 545,
32 §1, are further amended to read:

33 **6. Region.** "Region" means a quasi-municipal corporation established by the
34 Legislature to provide career and technical education to secondary students and middle
35 school level students that is comprised of all the school administrative units within the
36 geographical boundaries set forth for each career and technical education region in
37 section 8451. A region is governed by a cooperative board formed and operating in
38 accordance with this chapter.

1 **8. Satellite program.** "Satellite program" means a program providing career and
2 technical education to secondary students and middle school level students that is
3 operated, under section 8403-A, by a school administrative unit affiliated with a center.

4 **Sec. 6. 20-A MRSA §8305-A, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 2011, c. 679, §7, is
5 further amended to read:

6 **1. General right.** A person eligible to receive free public secondary and middle
7 school level education may, consistent with this section and department rules:

8 A. Receive career and technical education from a center, satellite program or region
9 that serves the person's residence; or

10 B. Receive career and technical education from a center, satellite program or region
11 outside of the geographical area that serves the person's residence, subject to the
12 approval of the governing bodies of the sending unit and receiving center, satellite
13 program or region.

14 **Sec. 7. 20-A MRSA §8305-A, sub-§2,** as corrected by RR 2003, c. 2, §43, is
15 amended to read:

16 **2. Admission standards.** A region, center or satellite program shall determine, in
17 accordance with its published admission standards, whether to admit a person to such a
18 region, center or satellite program. Unless otherwise specifically provided for in this
19 chapter, priority to enroll in any career and technical education course of study offered by
20 a region, center or satellite program must be given first to persons eligible to receive a
21 free public secondary or middle school level education who are residents of
22 municipalities served by that region, center or satellite program.

23 **Sec. 8. 20-A MRSA §8451, sub-§1,** as corrected by RR 2003, c. 2, §60, is
24 amended to read:

25 **1. Legislative intent.** It is the intent of the Legislature that each career and technical
26 education region shall provide career and technical education in accordance with this
27 chapter and shall function as an extension of the secondary schools and middle schools
28 located within the region's boundaries.

29 **Sec. 9. 20-A MRSA §8451, sub-§2, ¶H,** as repealed and replaced by PL 2011, c.
30 679, §17, is amended to read:

31 H. Region 9. NORTHERN OXFORD COUNTY. Units located in this region
32 include:

33 (1) Albany Township;

34 (2) Gilead;

35 (3) Mason Township;

36 (4) Milton Township;

37 (5) Riley Township;

1 (6) Upton, as long as it sends its secondary students and middle school level
2 students to schools operated by administrative units within the region;

3 (7) The portion of Regional School Unit No. 10 comprising the municipalities in
4 the former units of Hanover, Peru, School Administrative District No. 21
5 (Canton, Carthage and Dixfield) and School Administrative District No. 43
6 (Byron, Mexico, Roxbury and Rumford); and

7 (8) Regional School Unit No. 44 doing business as School Administrative
8 District No. 44 (Andover, Bethel, Greenwood, Newry and Woodstock).

9 **Sec. 10. 20-A MRSA §8451, sub-§3, ¶A**, as amended by PL 1991, c. 518, §17,
10 is further amended to read:

11 A. Public secondary schools and middle schools located at: Ashland; Caribou;
12 Easton; Fort Fairfield; Limestone; Mars Hill; Presque Isle; and Washburn are served
13 by centers located in Presque Isle and Caribou.

14 **Sec. 11. 20-A MRSA §8451, sub-§5, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 679, §18,
15 is further amended to read:

16 A. Public secondary schools and middle schools located in the school administrative
17 units of Madawaska, School Administrative District No. 10 (Allagash), School
18 Administrative District No. 27 (Eagle Lake, Fort Kent, New Canada, St. Francis, St.
19 John Plantation, Wallagrass and Winterville Plantation) and Regional School Unit
20 No. 33 doing business as School Administrative District No. 33 (Frenchville and St.
21 Agatha) are served by a center located in Frenchville (St. John Valley Technology
22 Center), as long as the school boards of former School Administrative District No. 27
23 (Eagle Lake, Fort Kent, New Canada, St. Francis, St. John Plantation, Wallagrass and
24 Winterville Plantation), former School Administrative District No. 33 (Frenchville
25 and St. Agatha) and Madawaska enter into a cooperative agreement pursuant to
26 section 8401. Career and technical education students from Regional School Unit
27 No. 88 doing business as School Administrative District No. 24 (Cyr Plantation,
28 Hamlin and Van Buren) must be permitted to attend that center on a tuition basis to
29 the extent that there are unused slots available in the career and technical education
30 programs at the center.

31 **Sec. 12. 20-A MRSA §15672, sub-§1-D**, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 679, §27, is
32 amended to read:

33 **1-D. Career and technical education costs.** "Career and technical education costs"
34 for subsidy purposes means all costs incurred by the career and technical education
35 regions, centers or satellites in providing approved secondary school and middle school
36 level career and technical education programs, excluding transportation, capital costs and
37 debt service.

38 SUMMARY

39 This bill amends the career and technical education laws to enable career and
40 technical education programs to serve students in grades 6 to 8.