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**An Act To Increase Funding for Career and Technical Education
Programs**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DILL of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative STANLEY of Medway and
Senators: DIAMOND of Cumberland, GRATWICK of Penobscot.

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2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15688-A, sub-§1**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2017, c.
3 420, §8, is amended to read:

4 **1. Career and technical education program components.** Beginning in fiscal year
5 2018-19, the allocation for career and technical education centers and career and
6 technical education regions is based upon a model that recognizes program components
7 that have been approved by the department pursuant to chapter 313 for:

8 A. Direct instruction. The direct instruction component includes personnel costs for
9 teachers, education technicians for programs and clinical supervisors for health care
10 programs. The allocation for direct instruction is the sum of the costs as determined
11 based on the following components, which the commissioner shall determine
12 annually:

13 (1) A teacher salary matrix. In determining the teacher salary matrix for each
14 program, the commissioner shall give consideration to the most recent available
15 data regarding years of education experience and years of professional work
16 experience relevant to instructional assignment;

17 (2) Student-to-teacher ratios for each program;

18 (3) The number of education technicians required for purposes of instructional
19 support, based on student enrollment and program requirements. The
20 commissioner shall calculate the education technician allocation by multiplying
21 the number of education technicians required by the statewide average salary for
22 full-time education technicians, based on the most recent available salary data,
23 but shall ensure that each career and technical education center or career and
24 technical education region is allocated at least one full-time education technician;
25 and

26 (4) The clinical supervision staffing level necessary for each program requiring
27 such staffing, based on student enrollment as determined pursuant to paragraph
28 G;

29 B. Central administration. The central administration component includes personnel
30 costs for directors, assistant directors and clerical staff working in career and
31 technical education centers and career and technical education regions, as well as
32 business managers working in career and technical education regions. The central
33 administration allocation is the sum of:

34 (1) Costs for personnel for each career and technical education center and career
35 and technical education region, as follows:

36 (a) A director, the allocation for which must be for one full-time equivalent;

37 (b) An assistant director, the allocation for which must be based on student
38 enrollment as determined pursuant to paragraph G but may not exceed one
39 full-time equivalent;

1 (c) Clerical staff, the allocation for which must be for at least one full-time
2 equivalent, with additional clerical staff allocations based on student
3 enrollment as determined pursuant to paragraph G;

4 (d) A career and technical education region business manager, the allocation
5 for which must be for one full-time equivalent; and

6 (e) Benefit costs for employees in central administration, which must be
7 calculated pursuant to section 15678, subsection 5, paragraph B; and

8 (2) Nonpersonnel costs, which the commissioner shall calculate annually based
9 upon the relationship of the most recent available career and technical education
10 expenditures for nonpersonnel costs to personnel costs;

11 C. Supplies and other expenditures such as purchased services, dues and fees for
12 instructional programs. The allocation for supplies and other expenditures is the sum
13 of:

14 (1) A per-program allocation for supplies, as determined by the commissioner
15 based on the most recent available career and technical education expenditures
16 amount, adjusted to the year prior to the allocation year; and

17 (2) A per-pupil allocation for each student in each career and technical education
18 center and each career and technical education region, determined by the
19 commissioner based on:

20 (a) The most recent available career and technical education expenditures
21 amount, adjusted for inflation to the year prior to the allocation year; and

22 (b) Student enrollment, as determined pursuant to paragraph G;

23 D. Plant operation and maintenance, including all costs for operating and
24 maintaining buildings and grounds. The commissioner shall determine the allocation
25 for plant operation and maintenance costs for each career and technical education
26 center and each career and technical education region by multiplying the square
27 footage of the career and technical education center or career and technical education
28 region building by an amount per square foot, as determined by the commissioner;

29 E. Other student and staff support, which includes costs for student services
30 coordination, career preparation, instructional technology, professional development,
31 student assessment and program safety. The other student and staff support
32 allocation is the sum of the costs for:

33 (1) A counselor, the allocation for which must be for one full-time equivalent, to
34 collaborate with sending school guidance counselors in order to maximize
35 student participation at the middle school and high school grade levels;

36 (2) Career and technical education center or career and technical education
37 region student services coordinators, the allocation for which must be based on
38 student enrollment, as determined pursuant to paragraph G, but no less than one
39 full-time equivalent;

40 (3) Benefit costs for employees under this paragraph, calculated pursuant to
41 section 15678, subsection 5, paragraph B; and

1 (4) Instructional technology, staff professional development, student assessment
2 and program safety. The commissioner shall calculate a per-pupil allocation for
3 this allocation based upon student enrollment, as determined pursuant to
4 paragraph G, and the relationship of the most recent available career and
5 technical education expenditures for these costs to total costs, adjusted to the year
6 prior to the allocation year;

7 F. Equipment provided pursuant to subsection 6; and

8 G. Student enrollment, which is determined as follows.

9 (1) For each program or plan approved pursuant to chapter 313 that has 3 years
10 of attending student counts on October 1st, student enrollment is a 3-year average
11 of the attending student counts on October 1st for that program or plan.

12 (2) For each program or plan approved pursuant to chapter 313 that is not
13 governed by subparagraph (1), including a new program or plan approved
14 pursuant to chapter 313, student enrollment must be based on the estimated
15 attending student count submitted in accordance with the application for the
16 program or plan approval. This estimated attending student count must be used
17 until the program or plan has 3 consecutive years of actual attending student
18 counts on October 1st.

19 ~~The total allocation for a career and technical education center or career and technical~~
20 ~~education region is the sum of the components in paragraphs A to E, except if the sum of~~
21 ~~the components in paragraphs A to E is less than the most recent expenditure data, as~~
22 ~~adjusted for inflation to the year prior to the allocation year, the career and technical~~
23 ~~education center or career and technical education region may not receive less than the~~
24 ~~adjusted expenditure, and if the sum of the components in paragraphs A to E is more than~~
25 ~~5% greater than the most recent expenditure data, as adjusted for inflation to the year~~
26 ~~prior to the allocation year, then the career and technical education center or career and~~
27 ~~technical education region may not receive more than the adjusted expenditures plus 5%.~~

28 The commissioner shall authorize monthly payment of allocations to career and technical
29 education centers and career and technical education regions in an amount equal to 1/12
30 of the total allocation. Payments for satellite programs as approved pursuant to chapter
31 313 must be made within this schedule to the responsible career and technical education
32 center or career and technical education region; it is the responsibility of the career and
33 technical education center or career and technical education region to provide the state
34 support for the approved satellite program to the school administrative unit that operates
35 the approved satellite program.

36 If a school administrative unit operating a career and technical education center or career
37 and technical education region has any unexpended funds at the end of the fiscal year,
38 these funds must be carried forward for the purposes of career and technical education.

39 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
40 allocations are made.

41 **EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

42 **General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308**

1 Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for career and technical education costs pursuant to the
2 Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688-A, subsection 1.

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4	GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
5	All Other	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
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7	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,500,000</u>	<u>\$1,500,000</u>

8 **Sec. 3. Effective date.** That section of this Act that amends the Maine Revised
9 Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688-A, subsection 1 takes effect January 1, 2020.

10 **SUMMARY**

11 This bill provides an additional \$1,500,000 per year for the cost of career and
12 technical education pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688-A,
13 subsection 1.

14 This bill also removes the so-called hold harmless provision that limits the amount of
15 any decrease or increase in the total allocation for a career and technical education center
16 or career and technical education region, effective January 1, 2020.