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In Senate, March 11, 2021

An Act Regarding Career and Technical Education and Memoranda of Understanding with Community Colleges

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D M Grant", is positioned above the printed name of the Secretary of the Senate.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §8308 is enacted to read:

§8308. Memorandum of understanding with community colleges

A center or region may enter into a memorandum of understanding with a local community college to provide career and technical education to residents of the municipalities served by that region, center or satellite program as an alternative organizational method of delivering career and technical education. A memorandum of understanding pursuant to this section must include the following components:

1. Schedules. Notwithstanding section 4801, subsection 2-A, the center or region and the community college schedules must be aligned to allow career and technical education students to take courses at the community college that fulfill the requirements of the system of learning results pursuant to section 6209;

2. College credit. Upon an assessment that a career and technical education course or program meets the standards of a community college course or program of study, the community college shall award the student college credit for that course or program, as applicable;

3. College acceptance. A procedure must be established by which career and technical education students who have successfully completed a required set of courses in a postsecondary program may automatically enroll at the Maine Community College System or University of Maine System to complete that postsecondary program; and

4. Funding. Funding for career and technical education students attending courses at a community college must be provided in accordance with chapter 208-A.

SUMMARY

This bill provides that a career and technical education center or region may enter into a memorandum of understanding with a local community college to provide career and technical education to residents of the municipalities served by that region, center or satellite program as an alternative organizational method of delivering career and technical education. The memorandum of understanding must include provisions that the schedule must be aligned to allow students to fulfill the requirements of the Maine Learning Results, students must be awarded college credit, where applicable, students must receive automatic admission to the University of Maine System or Maine Community College System to complete a postsecondary program that was begun at the career and technical education center or region and funding must be provided through the Aspirations program.