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House of Representatives, March 14, 2023

**An Act to Recognize the Critical Nature of Workforce Development
Through Career and Technical Education by Establishing an
Adjustment for Career and Technical Education Centers in the
School Funding Formula**

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

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative WHITE of Waterville.
Cosponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset and
Representatives: BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, LANDRY of Farmington, MASTRACCIO of
Sanford, PERRY of Bangor, WOODSOME of Waterboro, Senators: CURRY of Waldo,
RAFFERTY of York.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15672, sub-§7-A**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 2, Pt. D, §36
3 and affected by §§72 and 74 and c. 12, Pt. WW, §18, is amended to read:

4 **7-A. EPS per-pupil rate.** "EPS per-pupil rate" means the rate calculated under section
5 15676 ~~or~~, 15676-A or 15676-B, as applicable.

6 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §15676-B** is enacted to read:

7 **§15676-B. EPS per-pupil rate for career and technical education centers**

8 For each career and technical education center, the commissioner shall calculate the
9 center's EPS per-pupil rate for each year as the applicable per-pupil rate multiplied by an
10 adjustment calculated by the commissioner based on the costs of:

11 **1. Equipment and infrastructure.** Annual updates and replacements necessary for
12 equipment specific to centers and infrastructure costs necessary to accommodate these
13 upgrades in equipment specific to centers;

14 **2. Transportation.** Transportation for students to and from work sites or centers; and

15 **3. Staffing.** Staffing necessary to provide a lower ratio between students and staff.

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill requires the Commissioner of Education to calculate the per-pupil essential
18 programs and services rate for career and technical education centers as the applicable per-
19 pupil rate multiplied by an adjustment calculated based on the costs of equipment and
20 infrastructure, transportation and staffing.