

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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L.D. 1942

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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
131ST LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 791,  
L.D. 1942, "An Act to Ensure Equity in Career and Technical Education Staffing Support  
Ratios Across Varied Regions of the State"

Amend the amendment by striking out everything after the enacting clause and  
inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §8309 is enacted to read:

**§8309. Distribution of direct instruction funds**

The department annually shall distribute funds to a center or region with fewer than 1,000 students in grade 9 to grade 12 within the center's or region's geographic boundaries as described in sections 8401 and 8451, respectively, to allow for the center or region to have at least one full-time instructor for every 8 students enrolled in an approved program offered by the center or region. The center or region shall submit to the department no later than September 30th of each year a calculation of the difference between the funding needed to support the cost of the direct instruction component of having one full-time instructor for every 8 students enrolled in an approved program and the funding provided for the cost of the direct instruction component calculated in accordance with chapter 606-B. The department shall verify the amount and submit a payment to the center or region no later than November 30th of that year.

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

**EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Career and Technical Education - Direct Instruction N499**

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds to be distributed to career and technical education centers and career and technical education regions with fewer than 1,000 students in grade 9 to grade 12 within the centers' or regions' geographic boundaries to support the additional costs of having at least one full-time instructor for every 8 students enrolled in approved programs offered by the centers or regions.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
All Other	\$0	\$1,000,000
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**SENATE AMENDMENT**

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 791, L.D. 1942 (S 762)

1 GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$0 \$1,000,000

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3 Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or  
4 section number to read consecutively.

5 SUMMARY

6 This amendment amends Committee Amendment "A" to provide ongoing funds to be  
7 distributed by the Department of Education to career and technical education centers and  
8 career and technical education regions with fewer than 1,000 students in grades 9 to 12 in  
9 the centers' or regions' geographic boundaries to support the costs of having at least one  
10 full-time instructor for every 8 students enrolled in approved programs offered by the  
11 centers or regions. It requires those centers and regions to submit to the department no  
12 later than September 30th of each year a calculation of the difference between the funding  
13 needed to support the cost of the direct instruction component of having one full-time  
14 instructor for every 8 students enrolled in approved programs and the funding provided for  
15 the cost of the direct instruction component calculated in accordance with the Maine  
16 Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapter 606-B. The department is required to submit  
17 payments to the centers and regions no later than November 30th of that year.

18 SPONSORED BY: M. Rotundo

19 (Senator ROTUNDO, M.)

20 COUNTY: Androscoggin

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED  
(See attached)



# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1942

LR 1125(04)

## An Act to Ensure Equity in Career and Technical Education Staffing Support Ratios Across Varied Regions of the State

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (5-762)

Sponsor: Sen. Rotundo of Androscoggin

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Projections FY 2025-26	Projections FY 2026-27
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	(\$26,976,120)	(\$25,976,120)	(\$25,976,120)	(\$25,976,120)
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	(\$26,976,120)	(\$25,976,120)	(\$25,976,120)	(\$25,976,120)

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment strikes the ongoing General Fund appropriations of approximately \$27.0 million per year to the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program within the Department of Education beginning in fiscal year 2023-24 included in the committee amendment and instead provides ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$1.0 million per year beginning in fiscal year 2024-25 to a newly established Career and Technical Education - Direct Instruction program within the Department of Education to be distributed to career and technical education (CTE) centers and CTE regions with fewer than 1,000 students in grade 9 through grade 12 within the CTE centers' or CTE regions' geographic boundaries to support the additional incremental costs of having one full-time instructor for every 8 students enrolled in an approved program offered by the center or region. The current funding model for career and technical education centers and career and technical education regions provides funding for one half-time instructor for approved programs that enroll less than 13 students.