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S.P. 791

In Senate, May 16, 2023

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

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'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.

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

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

3 **§8309. Career and technical education full-time employee ratios**

4 The department shall adopt rules to allow a school with fewer than 1,000 students to
5 have one full-time employee for career and technical education for every 8 students and a
6 school with 1,000 or more students to have one full-time employee for career and technical
7 education for every 13 students or a ratio appropriate to the industry standard for the
8 vocational field that is the subject of the career and technical education. Rules adopted
9 pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375,
10 subchapter 2-A.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill allows schools with fewer than 1,000 students to have one full-time employee
13 for career and technical education for every 8 students and schools with 1,000 or more
14 students to have one full-time employee for career and technical education for every 13
15 students or a ratio appropriate to the industry standard for the vocational field that is the
16 subject of the career and technical education.