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House of Representatives, December 5, 2025

An Act to Update the Funding Method for Career and Technical Education Programs

Submitted by the Department of Education pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 3, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative MURPHY of Scarborough.

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15688-A, sub-§1, ¶F, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 420, §8, is amended to read:

F. Equipment provided pursuant to subsection 6; and

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §15688-A, sub-§1, ¶G, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 420, §8, is amended to read:

G. ~~Student~~ Until the 2027-2028 school year, student enrollment, which is determined as follows.

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

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

Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §15688-A, sub-§1, ¶G-1 is enacted to read:

G-1. Beginning with the 2027-2028 school year, student enrollment, which is determined as follows.

(1) For each program or plan approved pursuant to chapter 313 that has 2 years of attending student counts on October 1st, student enrollment is a 2-year average of the attending student counts on October 1st for that program or plan.

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

SUMMARY

This bill updates the method for determining student enrollment for the purposes of calculating funding for certain career and technical education programs from using a 3-year average of the attending student counts to a 2-year average beginning with the 2027-2028 school year.