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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
132ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1183, L.D. 1764, “An Act to Ensure Equitable Staffing Ratios Across the State for Career and Technical Education Programs in Areas with Smaller Student Populations”

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRS §15688-A, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 420, §8, is amended by amending subparagraph (2) to read:

(2) Student-to-teacher ratios for each program. Ratios developed pursuant to this subparagraph must provide for at least one full-time equivalent teacher allocation for a program with a minimum of 4 students for a career and technical education center or career and technical education region with fewer than 1,000 students enrolled within the center's or region's geographic boundaries as described in sections 8401 and 8451, respectively;

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

**EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF
General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308**

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for the cost of lowering the student-to-teacher ratio for programs at career and technical education centers or regions with fewer than 1,000 students enrolled within the center's or region's geographic boundaries from one full-time equivalent teacher allocation for programs with a minimum of 8 students to one full-time equivalent teacher allocation for programs with a minimum of 4 students.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$1,370,711	\$1,370,711
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,370,711</u>	<u>\$1,370,711</u>

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
2 number to read consecutively.

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment requires that student-to-teacher
5 ratios for a career and technical education center or region with fewer than 1,000 students
6 enrolled within the center's or region's geographic boundaries must provide for at least one
7 full-time equivalent teacher allocation for programs with a minimum of 4 students. The
8 amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

9 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

10 **(See attached)**