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SENATE AMENDMENT “ ” 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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$1,000,000
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SENATE AMENDMENT

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:** _____

19 **(Senator ROTUNDO, M.)**

20 **COUNTY: Androscoggin**