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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 243, L.D. 318, Bill, “An Act To Prepare All Students for Work and Life by Requiring That Students Receive Instruction in Vocational Preparation and Practical Life Skills”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act To Prepare All Students for Work and Life by Requiring That Students Receive Instruction in Career and Technical Education and Practical Life Skills'**

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

**'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4721, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 313, §13, is amended to read:

**1. Comprehensive program of instruction.** A secondary school shall provide a comprehensive program of instruction of at least 2 years in length, which must meet the requirements of this chapter and the parameters for essential instruction and graduation requirements established under section 6209. The program must include instruction for all students in career and education development, English language arts, health education and physical education, mathematics, science and technology, social studies, visual and performing arts and world languages. A secondary school shall provide one semester of instruction in career and technical education and practical life skills, whenever possible, as determined by the local school board. For purposes of this section, "career and technical education and practical life skills" means experiential instruction of students, regardless of career choice or pathway, that develops their understanding of interests, aptitudes and options related to work and study; develops core workplace skills in areas such as planning, communication, problem solving, teamwork and computer applications; and includes practical workplace and home economics experiences that maximize learning through hands-on application.'

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

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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**SUMMARY**

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, strikes and replaces the bill and changes the title. The amendment requires a secondary school to provide one semester of instruction in career and technical education or practical life skills, whenever possible, as determined by the local school board.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

**(See attached)**