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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1094, L.D. 1653, “An Act to Develop Maine’s Credentialed Workforce”

Amend the bill in section 1 in c. 447 in §12996 in subsection 2 in paragraph A in the first line (page 1, line 30 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "a bachelor's degree or graduate degree within 2" and inserting the following: 'an associate degree, bachelor's degree or graduate degree or a credential within 5'

Amend the bill in section 1 in c. 447 in §12996 in subsection 2 in paragraph B in the first line (page 1, line 32 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "outstanding" the following: 'student loan debt or'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

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

**FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE**

**Maine Credentialed Workforce Program Fund N524**

Initiative: Provides base allocations to authorize expenditures of funds received from public or private sources.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

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 majority report of the committee, adds persons who have received an associate degree or a credential to those who are potentially eligible for the Maine Credentialed Workforce Program established in the bill and clarifies that to be eligible for the program an applicant must have outstanding student loan debt or eligible student loans. The amendment also provides that an applicant must have received the applicant's degree or credential within 5 years of the date of application, rather than within 2 years as proposed in the bill.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

**(See attached)**