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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
131ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” 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 bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §8309 is enacted to read:

§8309. Career and technical education full-time employee ratios

The department shall adopt rules to allow a center or region with fewer than 1,000 students at the career and technical education approved student grade levels in the catchment area to have at least one full-time employee for career and technical education for every 8 students and a center or region with 1,000 or more students at the career and technical education approved student grade levels in the catchment area to have at least one full-time employee for career and technical education for every 13 students or for a center or region to have a ratio appropriate to the industry standard for the vocational field that is the subject of the career and technical education. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. For the purposes of this section, "catchment area" means the geographic area from which a center or region draws its students.

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §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, which may not be less than the ratios established under section 8309;

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for the cost to allow a career and technical education
2 center or region with fewer than 1,000 students at the career and technical education
3 approved student grade levels in the catchment area to have at least one full-time employee
4 for career and technical education for every 8 students and a career and technical education
5 center or region with 1,000 or more students at the career and technical education approved
6 student grade levels in the catchment area to have at least one full-time employee for career
7 and technical education for every 13 students.

8	GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
9	All Other	\$26,976,120	\$26,976,120
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11	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$26,976,120</u>	<u>\$26,976,120</u>

12 '
13 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
14 number to read consecutively.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This amendment clarifies that the ratios established in the bill are applicable to the
17 number of students at the career and technical education approved student grade levels in
18 the career and technical education center or region catchment area and also provides that
19 the student-to-teacher ratios for each program established by the Commissioner of
20 Education for the purpose of the direct instruction component of the career and technical
21 education funding model may not be less than the ratios established in the career and
22 technical education full-time employee ratio provision of law.

23 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

24 (See attached)