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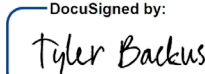
Dear Senator Rafferty, Representative Brennan, and Members of the Joint Committee,

LD 1188, Act To Include Librarians and Career and Technical Education Teachers in Minimum \$40,000 Salary Initiative (EMERGENCY) proposed that librarians and career and technical education (CTE) teachers be included in the minimum teacher salary. After careful review of statute, it was determined that librarians and teachers in CTE centers were part of the minimum. The amendment to this bill proposes to include teachers in CTE regions in the minimum salary language in statute, which had not been included before.

The Department supports this amendment correcting the situation that had only included the teachers in CTE centers.

The Department looks forward to continued conversations around LD 1188 and will be happy to answer any questions during the work session.

Sincerely,

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