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An Act to Ensure Equity in Career and Technical Education Staffing Support Ratios Across Varied Regions of the State

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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 school with fewer than 1,000 students to have one full-time employee for career and technical education for every 8 students and a school with 1,000 or more students to have one full-time employee for career and technical education for every 13 students or 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.

11 SUMMARY

This bill allows schools with fewer than 1,000 students to have one full-time employee for career and technical education for every 8 students and schools with 1,000 or more students to have one full-time employee for career and technical education for every 13 students or a ratio appropriate to the industry standard for the vocational field that is the subject of the career and technical education.