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House of Representatives, January 31, 2019

An Act To Enhance the Development of Innovative Career and Technical Education Programs

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft.
Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and
Representatives: HANDY of Lewiston, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, MILLETT of Waterford,
O'CONNOR of Berwick, SAMPSON of Alfred, STEWART of Presque Isle, Senators:
BELLOWS of Kennebec, WOODSOME of York.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §8403-A, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 420, §2, is
3 further amended to read:

4 **2. Procedure for authorizing career and technical education satellite programs.**
5 Any affiliated unit that wishes to operate a career and technical education satellite
6 program shall submit a written request to operate such a satellite program to the
7 ~~governing body of the center or region with which the unit is affiliated~~ commissioner.
8 The request must fully document the perceived need for the operation of a satellite
9 program. ~~The governing body of the center or region with which the unit is affiliated~~
10 ~~shall consider the request and forward its recommendation to the commissioner~~
11 ~~concerning whether that request should be approved.~~ The commissioner shall act on the
12 request pursuant to section 8306-B.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill streamlines the procedure for authorizing career and technical education
15 satellite programs. Current law requires any affiliated unit that wishes to operate a career
16 and technical education satellite program to submit a written request to operate a satellite
17 program to the governing body of the center or region with which the unit is affiliated.
18 The governing body of the center or region considers the request and then forwards its
19 recommendation to the Commissioner of Education. Instead, the bill provides that the
20 written request be submitted directly to the Commissioner of Education for approval.