

## STATE OF MAINE

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 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN

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 H.P. 121 - L.D. 139

**An Act To Address the Unmet Workforce Needs of Employers and To  
Improve the Economic Future of Workers**

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

**Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §773-A, sub-§3, ¶E**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 286, §4, is amended to read:

E. Who has graduated from high school, or who has successfully attained a high school equivalency diploma or its equivalent, and who has graduated from a vocational, career and technical or cooperative education program approved by the Department of Education and is hired by an employer to work in an occupation for which the minor has been trained and certified by the vocational program may work for that employer in that occupation.

**Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §2033, sub-§5, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 352, Pt. A, §3, is amended to read:

A. Is at least 18 years old or has graduated from high school;

**Sec. 3. 26 MRSA §2033, sub-§5-A**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 257, §1, is amended to read:

**5-A. Secondary student eligibility.** Notwithstanding subsection 5, paragraph A, ~~before January 1, 2020~~, a full-time student at a public secondary school enrolled in a career and technical education program at a career and technical education center or a career and technical education region may be granted enrollment in the program if the student applies for enrollment and meets the requirements of subsection 5, paragraphs B, C, D and E. For the purpose of determining eligibility under subsection 5, paragraph C, "income" includes the income of the student's family as defined by department rule.

The commissioner may not expend, on an annualized basis, more than 15% of the annual revenue to the fund for tuition, other allowable costs and administration and case management for students enrolled in the program under this subsection and the costs for

any of these students who continue to participate in the program after attaining 18 years of age.

~~This subsection is repealed January 1, 2020.~~