

EXHIBIT: IV.B.

TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Susan Gendron, Commissioner\*

DATE: March 12, 2008

RE: Request Approval of *State of Maine Five-Year Plan for Career and Technical Education Under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (P.L. 109-270)*

As a condition for the receipt of Federal funds to support vocational and technical education, §122 of the recently reauthorized Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (P.L. 109-270) requires a designated “eligible agency” in each State—in Maine’s case, the State Board of Education—to submit a State Plan for Career and Technical Education.

Following planning guidelines issued by the U.S. Office of Vocational and Adult Education on March 12, 2007 (OMB #1830-0029) the Maine Department of Education Career and Technical Education Team has prepared the Five-Year Plan covering the 2007 to 2012 program years. (FY 2008-2013 Maine Fiscal Years) Patterned closely on the one-year “transitional” plan for the 2007 program year (July 1, 2007-June 30, 2008), approved by the State Board on June 11, 2007 the plan was developed with broad input from a series of public hearings and from the career and technical education community in Maine and its stakeholders.

The new iteration of the Perkins Act (“Perkins IV”) grant requirements include:

- Programs of Study requirement
- Increased emphasis on articulation
- Increased emphasis on Teacher development
- Increased accountability-NCLB, technical skills
- Increased emphasis on academic and technical integration
- Tech Prep can roll into basic grant,
- Adult Ed funding as a recipient unallowable
- Special pops moved from permissive to required uses of funds

State grant submission changes include:

- Program of Study process defined and required for funding
- Articulation requirements increased and strengthened
- Professional development emphasized
- NCLB performance indicators used for accountability measures
- Technical skills assessments required
- Tech Prep funds rolled into the Basic Grant and distributed using the Title I(c) formula
- Adult Education funding stream eliminated per requirement of the federal monitoring visit
- Special Populations requirements strengthened

- Mandatory program advisory responsibilities
- New Improvement Strategies-Common evaluation tool, Exploratory Programs, School review- staff contribution by participating Maine review schools, increased Apprenticeship requirements

Motion: The State Board approve the *State of Maine Five-Year Plan for Career and Technical Education Under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (P.L. 109-270) for Program Years 2007 through 2012 (Maine Fiscal Years FY08-FY13)*

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