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Exhibit # X.B.

TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: A. Pender Makin, Commissioner

DATE: June 11, 2025

SUBJECT: Request Approval of the FY26 Maine State Budget of the Maine Carl D. Perkins Grant as authorized under the Strengthening Career and Technical Education For The 21st Century Act (P. L. 115-224).

As a condition for the receipt of Federal funds to support vocational and technical education, §122 of the Strengthening Career and Technical Education For The 21st Century Act (P. L. 115-224), requires a designated eligible agency in each State, which in Maine is the State Board of Education, to submit a State Plan for Career and Technical Education. The State Plan was approved by the Office of Career and Technical and Adult Education on May 22, 2020 and has been re-approved in 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024. Further requirements are as follows:

PART A ALLOTMENT and ALLOCATION §112 - WITHIN STATE ALLOCATION

(a) From the amount allotted to each State for a fiscal year, the eligible agency shall make available—

- (1) not less than 85 percent for distribution to local eligible recipients
- (2) not more than 10 percent to carry out State leadership activities
 - (A) not more than 2 percent to serve State correctional institutions (Arthur R Gould School)
 - (B) not less than \$60,000 and not more than \$150,000 shall be available for services that prepare individuals for non-traditional fields
 - (C) an amount equal to 0.1 percent shall be made available for the recruitment of special populations to enroll in CTE programs
- (3) an amount equal to not more than 5 percent, for administration of the State plan

PART B STATE PROVISIONS §121 - STATE ADMINISTRATION

(a) ELIGIBLE AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES.—The responsibilities of an eligible agency under this title shall include:

(3) convening and meeting as an eligible agency (consistent with State law and procedure for the conduct of such meetings) at such time as the eligible agency determines necessary to carry out the eligible agency's responsibilities under this title, but not less than 4 times annually;

In accordance with § 121 – Within State Allocation, the Career and Technical Education (CTE) team has prepared the FY2026 Perkins budget allocations and submits this budget to the State Board of Education for approval.

RECOMMENDATION: The State Board of Education approve the FY2026 Perkins State Budget for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 in accordance to §121 of the Strengthening Career and Technical Education For The 21st Century Act (P. L. 115-224).

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