

STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Rulemaking Fact Sheet

(see 5 M.R.S. § 8057-A(1))

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Chapter Number and Rule Title: 12-597 Ch. 2: RULE GOVERNING THE COMPETITIVE SKILLS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Type of Rule: Routine Technical

Statutory Authority: 26 MRSA Chapter 25, Subchapter 5, §2033

Public Hearing(s) (*include day, date, time, and location*): 2:00pm on Thursday, March 13, 2026.

Hearing to be held at the Maine Department of Labor, Frances Perkins Conference Room, 45 Commerce Drive, Augusta, Maine 04330

Comment Deadline(s) (*include day, date, and time*): Monday, April 6th, 2026, 5:00pm

Principal Reason(s) or Purpose for Proposing this Rule [*see 5 M.R.S. § 8057-A(1)(A)*]:

CSSP is intended to provide individuals with access to education, training and support leading to skilled, well-compensated jobs with anticipated high employment demand, to improve the economic well-being of the participants in the program and to provide employers with a skilled labor force. This Rule change is required by Maine PL 2025, Ch. 396, which required “The commissioner adopt rules in accordance... to provide for the approval of cohort-based education or training programs and eligibility for individuals participating in those programs.

Is Material Incorporated by Reference into the Rule [*see 5 M.R.S. § 8056(2-A)*]? No

Analysis and Expected Operation of the Rule [*see 5 M.R.S. § 8057-A(1)(B) & (D)*]:

Brief Summary of Relevant Information Considered During Development of the Rule (including up to 3 primary sources relied upon)[*see 5 M.R.S. §§ 8057-A(1)(E) & 8063-B*]:

Staff expertise, stakeholder engagement, data and information from the CSSP Program

Estimated Fiscal Impact of the Rule [*see 5 M.R.S. § 8057-A(1)(C)*]:

FOR EXISTING RULES WITH FISCAL IMPACT OF \$1 MILLION OR MORE, ALSO INCLUDE:

Economic Impact, Whether or Not Quantifiable in Monetary Terms [*see 5 M.R.S. § 8057-A(2)(A)*]:

Individuals, Major Interest Groups and Types of Businesses Affected and How They Will Be Affected [*see* 5 M.R.S. § 8057-A(2)(B)]:

Benefits of the Rule [*see* 5 M.R.S. § 8057-A(2)(C)]:

Note: If necessary, additional pages may be used.