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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 121, L.D. 139, Bill, “An Act To Address the Unmet Workforce Needs of Employers and To Improve the Economic Future of Workers”

Amend the bill in section 1 in paragraph E in the first line (page 1, line 4 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "school" the following: ', or who has successfully attained a high school equivalency diploma or its equivalent.'

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 2 and 3 and inserting the following:

**'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;'

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 5 and 6.

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment strikes a number of sections of the bill affecting the Competitive Skills Scholarship Program and does the following.

1. It retains the changes in the bill that amend the laws governing the employment of minors 16 and 17 years of age in an otherwise hazardous occupation for which the minor has been trained or certified from a vocational, career and technical or cooperative education program approved by the Department of Education to require that the minor must have graduated from high school. The amendment provides that a high school equivalency diploma or its equivalent is sufficient to meet this requirement.

2. It retains the provision in the bill that repeals the January 1, 2020 repeal provision on the eligibility for the Competitive Skills Scholarship Program of 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.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

- 1           3. It amends the eligibility criteria of the Competitive Skills Scholarship Program to
- 2 modify the requirement that an individual be at least 18 years old by also including an
- 3 individual who has graduated from high school.