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House of Representatives, March 20, 2025

**An Act to Foster Career and Technical Education in Maine Schools  
by Creating an Additional Pathway to Certify Industrial Arts  
Teachers**

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Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative CARLOW of Buxton.  
Cosponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York and  
Representatives: CROCKETT of Portland, DODGE of Belfast, LYMAN of Livermore Falls,  
MURPHY of Scarborough, SARGENT of York, Senators: President DAUGHTRY of  
Cumberland, LIBBY of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRS §13027** is enacted to read:

3 **§13027. Teacher certificate with industrial arts endorsement**

4 A person who meets the eligibility requirements of subsection 2 may apply for an  
5 endorsement on a teacher certificate for a component of industrial arts with experiential,  
6 laboratory-based instruction as described in subsection 1 by filing an application with the  
7 department. The commissioner shall review the application, and if the commissioner  
8 approves the application, the commissioner shall issue the endorsement.

9 **1. Components.** The components of industrial arts for which a teacher may obtain an  
10 endorsement on a teacher certificate include, but are not limited to, automotive body repair,  
11 diagnostics and mechanics, welding, electrical, carpentry and computer-aided design.

12 **2. Eligibility.** At a minimum, a teacher must meet the following qualifications in order  
13 to be eligible for an endorsement:

14 A. Completion of an apprenticeship program registered with a statewide or national  
15 apprenticeship and training organization;

16 B. Completion of a 2-year degree or certificate from a technical institution accredited  
17 by a national association of career and technical schools or similar organization;

18 C. Completion of a minimum number of hours of paid applied employment or teaching  
19 in the component area for which the endorsement is sought; and

20 D. Completion of a minimum number of hours of experience learning the trade or craft  
21 in the component area for which the endorsement is sought.

22 **3. Rules.** The department shall adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted  
23 pursuant to this subsection are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375,  
24 subchapter 2-A.

25 **SUMMARY**

26 This bill creates a pathway for a teacher to obtain an endorsement on a teacher  
27 certificate for a component of industrial arts with experiential, laboratory-based instruction.  
28 For a teacher to be eligible for an endorsement, the teacher must have: completed an  
29 apprenticeship program; completed a 2-year degree or certificate from a technical  
30 institution; completed a minimum number of hours of paid applied employment or teaching  
31 in the component area for which the endorsement is sought; and completed a minimum  
32 number of hours of experience learning the trade or craft for which the endorsement is  
33 sought.