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**An Act to Provide Career and Technical Education Students with
Credit Toward High School Graduation for Work Completed in
Career and Technical Education Centers and Regions**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative WOODSOME of Waterboro.
Cosponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York and
Representatives: LANIGAN of Sanford, SAMPSON of Alfred, Senator: HARRINGTON of
York.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4722, sub-§2-C** is enacted to read:

3 **2-C. Career and technical education equivalency.** A secondary school student may
4 gain credit toward the student's diploma requirements through a career and technical
5 education center or region as defined in section 8301-A, subsections 3 and 6 with an
6 equivalency agreement pursuant to section 8306-B, subsection 4-A.

7 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §8306-B, sub-§4-A** is enacted to read:

8 **4-A. Equivalency agreements with affiliated units.** A career and technical education
9 center or region and its affiliated unit shall propose an equivalency agreement for credit
10 gained through a career and technical education program to be accepted as a core credit
11 toward a high school diploma. The commissioner shall accept or reject the proposed
12 equivalency agreement. If the commissioner rejects the agreement, the commissioner shall
13 either designate an alternative equivalency agreement or request a new equivalency
14 agreement from the career and technical education center or region and its affiliated unit.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill requires school administrative units and career and technical education centers
17 and regions to propose equivalency agreements that allow a secondary school student to
18 gain core credit toward a high school diploma through career and technical education credit
19 with approval from the Commissioner of Education. It also amends the high school
20 diploma requirements to include core credit gained through equivalency agreements.