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House of Representatives, March 7, 2023

An Act Regarding the Issuing of Diplomas for Students at the Long Creek Youth Development Center

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 MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth.
Cosponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York and
Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, COLLINGS of Portland, DODGE of Belfast,
SARGENT of York, WORTH of Ellsworth, Senators: LIBBY of Cumberland, PIERCE of
Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4722, sub-§9** is enacted to read:

3 **9. Issuance of diploma for student attending Arthur R. Gould School.** The
4 superintendent is responsible for issuing a high school diploma to a student who attended
5 a school in the school administrative unit immediately prior to residing at the Long Creek
6 Youth Development Center and attending the Arthur R. Gould School pursuant to Title
7 34-A, section 3815. Upon receipt of course work from and academic credits awarded by
8 the Arthur R. Gould School for the student, the superintendent shall apply those academic
9 credits to the school administrative unit's graduation requirements and shall issue the
10 student a high school diploma upon the successful completion of all graduation
11 requirements.

12 **Sec. 2. 34-A MRSA §3815, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

13 **5. Issuance of diploma.** The school administrative unit that a student attended
14 immediately prior to residing at the Long Creek Youth Development Center and attending
15 the Arthur R. Gould School is responsible for issuing a high school diploma for the student.
16 The Arthur R. Gould School shall submit all course work completed by and academic
17 credits awarded to the student to the school administrative unit. For the purposes of this
18 subsection, "school administrative unit" has the same meaning as in Title 20-A, section 1,
19 subsection 26.

20 SUMMARY

21 This bill provides that the school administrative unit that a student attended
22 immediately prior to residing at the Long Creek Youth Development Center and attending
23 the Arthur R. Gould School is responsible for issuing a diploma to that student. The Arthur
24 R. Gould School is required to forward to the school administrative unit any course work
25 completed by and academic credits awarded to the student, and the superintendent of the
26 school administrative unit is required to apply the academic credits to the school
27 administrative unit's graduation requirements and award a high school diploma upon the
28 successful completion of all of the graduation requirements.