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House of Representatives, March 9, 2021

An Act To Create an Additional Pathway To Certify Industrial Arts Teachers To Foster Career and Technical Subjects in Maine Schools

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative FECTEAU of Augusta.
Cosponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec and
Representatives: FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, LYMAN of Livermore Falls,
ORDWAY of Standish, ROCHE of Wells, SAMPSON of Alfred, STEARNS of Guilford,
Senator: WOODSOME of York.

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §13011, sub-§6-C is enacted to read:

6-C. Additional pathway for industrial arts certification. The state board shall adopt rules relating to the credentialing of educational personnel to create a pathway for a teacher to obtain a conditional certificate and a pathway for a teacher to obtain an endorsement on a teaching certificate for a component of industrial arts as defined by the department with an experiential lab that includes, but is not limited to, automotive body repair, diagnostics and mechanics; welding; electrical; carpentry; and computer-aided design. This endorsement must be separate from other endorsements.

A. At a minimum, rules adopted pursuant to this subsection to obtain a conditional certificate must include the following qualifications:

(1) A completed apprenticeship registered with a statewide or national apprenticeship and training organization;

(2) A completed 2-year degree or certificate from a technical institution accredited by a national association of career and technical schools or similar organization;
and

(3) Completion of a minimum of 36 months of paid work experience or teaching experience in a career and technical endorsement area, of which a minimum of 12 months was:

(a) At a supervisory level; and

(b) Completed during the 5 years immediately preceding application for a conditional certificate or endorsement under this subsection.

Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

SUMMARY

This bill directs the State Board of Education to adopt rules to amend the credentialing of educational personnel to create a pathway for a teacher to obtain a conditional certificate and a pathway for a teacher to obtain an endorsement on a teaching certificate for a component of industrial arts with an experiential lab.