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House of Representatives, February 14, 2023

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

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 CARLOW of Buxton.
Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin and
Representatives: JAVNER of Chester, NESS of Fryeburg.

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

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

3 **6-C. Additional pathway for industrial arts endorsement.** The state board shall
4 adopt rules to amend the credentialing of education personnel to create a pathway for a
5 teacher to obtain an endorsement on a teaching certificate for a component of industrial arts
6 as defined by the department with an experiential laboratory that includes, but is not limited
7 to, automotive body repair, diagnostics and mechanics; welding; electrical; carpentry; and
8 computer-aided design. At a minimum, rules adopted pursuant to this subsection must
9 include the following qualifications in order for a teacher to be eligible for an endorsement:

10 A. A completed apprenticeship registered with a statewide or national apprenticeship
11 and training organization;

12 B. A completed 2-year degree or certificate from a technical institution accredited by
13 a national association of career and technical schools or similar organization;

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

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

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

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This bill directs the State Board of Education to adopt rules to amend the credentialing
22 of education personnel to create a pathway for a teacher to obtain an endorsement on a
23 teaching certificate for a component of industrial arts with an experiential laboratory that
24 includes, but is not limited to: automotive body repair, diagnostics and mechanics; welding;
25 electrical; carpentry; and computer-aided design. Rules must include at least the following
26 qualifications for a teacher to be eligible for an endorsement: a completed apprenticeship
27 registered with a statewide or national apprenticeship and training organization; a
28 completed 2-year degree or certificate from a technical institution accredited by a national
29 association of career and technical schools or similar organization; completion of a
30 minimum number of hours of paid applied employment or teaching in the endorsement area
31 being sought; and completion of a minimum number of hours of experience learning the
32 trade or craft for which the endorsement is sought.