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House of Representatives, February 7, 2019

### An Act To Count Study Abroad toward Secondary School Credit

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

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

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative FECTION of Augusta.  
Cosponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec and  
Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, DRINKWATER of Milford, FECTION of Biddeford,  
INGWERSEN of Arundel, KORNFELD of Bangor, MASON of Lisbon, McCREA of Fort  
Fairfield, SAMPSON of Alfred.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4730** is enacted to read:

3 **§4730. Study abroad**

4 A school administrative unit shall award course credits to a student who has studied  
5 abroad and who seeks to be awarded course credits by the student's local school  
6 administrative unit in accordance with one of the following standards. The school  
7 administrative unit may:

8 **1. Elective credit.** Award the student elective credits in the amount equal to 1/3 of  
9 the direct instruction hours received abroad;

10 **2. Third-party certification.** Award the student course credits in the relevant  
11 content area if the student attains certification in that content area by a 3rd party approved  
12 by the school administrative unit. The amount of course credits must be determined by  
13 comparing the results of the certification and the requirements of an equivalent course  
14 offered by the school administrative unit; or

15 **3. Summative assessment.** Award the student course credits in the relevant content  
16 area if the student receives a passing grade on:

17 A. The summative assessment in an equivalent course offered by the school  
18 administrative unit; or

19 B. The first summative assessment in a course that is one level higher than the  
20 equivalent course offered by the school administrative unit.

21 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill requires school administrative units to award course credit to students who  
23 have studied abroad by awarding the student elective credit based on hours of instruction  
24 received abroad or by awarding credit hours in the relevant content area if the student  
25 receives 3rd-party certification or if the student passes a summative assessment.