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House of Representatives, March 21, 2019

**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 that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative WADSWORTH of Hiram.
Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland and
Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, DUNPHY of Old Town, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor,
MAREAN of Hollis, ORDWAY of Standish, SAMPSON of Alfred, ZEIGLER of Montville.

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 certification.** 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
6 arts as defined by the department with an experiential lab 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
10 endorsement:

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

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

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

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

19 Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are major substantive rules as defined in Title
20 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

21 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill directs the State Board of Education to adopt rules to amend the
23 credentialing of education personnel to create a pathway for a teacher to obtain an
24 endorsement on a teaching certificate for a component of industrial arts with an
25 experiential lab that includes, but is not limited to: automotive body repair, diagnostics
26 and mechanics; welding; electrical; carpentry; and computer-aided design. Rules must
27 include at least the following qualifications for a teacher to be eligible for an
28 endorsement: a completed apprenticeship registered with a statewide or national
29 apprenticeship and training organization; a completed 2-year degree or certificate from a
30 technical institution accredited by a national association of career and technical schools or
31 similar organization; completion of a minimum number of hours of paid applied
32 employment or teaching in the endorsement area being sought; and completion of a
33 minimum number of hours of experience learning the trade or craft for which the
34 endorsement is sought. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are major substantive
35 rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.