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In Senate, March 14, 2019

An Act To Require the Director of the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention To Be Credentialed

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SANBORN, L. of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach and
Senator: GRATWICK of Penobscot, Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, KESCHL of
Belgrade, MEYER of Eliot, PERRY of Calais.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §20** is enacted to read:

3 **§20. Director of Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention**

4 **1. Qualifications.** The Director of the Maine Center for Disease Control and
5 Prevention, referred to in this section as "the director," must:

6 A. Be licensed, or eligible for licensure, as a physician under Title 32, chapter 36 or
7 48 or an advanced practice registered nurse under Title 32, chapter 31;

8 B. Have a degree in public health or a related field or any equivalent combination of
9 education and experience in public health; and

10 C. Have significant experience in administration of public health or human services,
11 or both.

12 **2. Annual report.** The director shall report annually to the joint standing committee
13 of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters on:

14 A. Challenges and threats to the health of the residents of the State; and

15 B. The ways in which the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention has
16 responded to those challenges and threats and has aided in keeping the residents of
17 the State healthy and safe.

18 **SUMMARY**

19 This bill establishes qualifications for the Director of the Maine Center for Disease
20 Control and Prevention within the Department of Health and Human Services, and
21 requires that the director report annually to the joint standing committee of the
22 Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters on challenges and
23 threats to public health and ways in which the Maine Center for Disease Control and
24 Prevention has responded to those challenges and threats.