



STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
23 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, ME 04333-0023

JANET T. MILLS
GOVERNOR

PENDER MAKIN
COMMISSIONER

February 2, 2023

Senator Rafferty, Senate Chair
Representative Brennan, House Chair
Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs

Senator Rafferty, Representative Brennan, and Distinguished Members of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee:

LD 19, An Act to Authorize the National Institute of Funeral Service to Grant Associate Degrees (EMERGENCY), authorizes the National Institute of Funeral Service to grant the degree of Associate of Applied Science in Funeral Service in Maine.

The MRS, Chapter 409, Degree-Granting Institutions, §10704 Initial authority to confer certain degrees and §10706-A For-profit college and university review apply in this situation. The National Institute of Funeral Service, an online for-profit college, is currently in the approval process as described in Maine Department of Education Rule Chapter 149, *Procedures for Obtaining Authorization for Institutions of Higher Education to Confer Academic Degrees or to Offer Degree Courses/Programs in the State of Maine*. The Department supports the State Board in this process. The approval process is not expected to conclude until at least June of this year.

The Department will be available to provide additional information on LD 19 and respond to any questions during the upcoming work session.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:
Handwritten signature of Courtney Belolan in blue ink.

F0D3723E4901417...
Courtney Belolan

Director of Policy & Government Affairs
Maine Department of Education

Certificate Of Completion

Envelope Id: A8B5E3F8E74844EB958975D8B9558E53	Status: Completed
Subject: Complete with DocuSign: LD 19 Informational Letter.docx	
Source Envelope:	
Document Pages: 1	Signatures: 1
Certificate Pages: 1	Initials: 0
AutoNav: Enabled	Envelope Originator:
Enveloped Stamping: Enabled	Danielle Mckay
Time Zone: (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)	Danielle.Mckay@maine.gov
	IP Address: 74.75.212.153

Record Tracking

Status: Original	Holder: Danielle Mckay	Location: DocuSign
2/2/2023 9:00:05 AM	Danielle.Mckay@maine.gov	
Security Appliance Status: Connected	Pool: StateLocal	
Storage Appliance Status: Connected	Pool: Maine Department of Education	Location: DocuSign

Signer Events

Courtney Belolan
 courtney.belolan@maine.gov
 Director of Policy & Government Affairs
 Security Level: Email, Account Authentication (None)

Signature

DocuSigned by:

 F0D3723E4901417...
 Signature Adoption: Pre-selected Style
 Using IP Address: 198.182.163.121

Timestamp

Sent: 2/2/2023 9:03:01 AM
 Viewed: 2/2/2023 9:14:43 AM
 Signed: 2/2/2023 9:15:03 AM

Electronic Record and Signature Disclosure:
 Not Offered via DocuSign

In Person Signer Events	Signature	Timestamp
Editor Delivery Events	Status	Timestamp
Agent Delivery Events	Status	Timestamp
Intermediary Delivery Events	Status	Timestamp
Certified Delivery Events	Status	Timestamp
Carbon Copy Events	Status	Timestamp
Witness Events	Signature	Timestamp
Notary Events	Signature	Timestamp
Envelope Summary Events	Status	Timestamps
Envelope Sent	Hashed/Encrypted	2/2/2023 9:03:01 AM
Certified Delivered	Security Checked	2/2/2023 9:14:43 AM
Signing Complete	Security Checked	2/2/2023 9:15:03 AM
Completed	Security Checked	2/2/2023 9:15:03 AM
Payment Events	Status	Timestamps