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An Act To Amend High School Diploma Standards

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 SAMPSON of Alfred.
Cosponsored by Representatives: ESPLING of New Gloucester, GERRISH of Lebanon,
MALABY of Hancock, SANDERSON of Chelsea, SIROCKI of Scarborough, Senator:
WOODSOME of York.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4722, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 244, §1, is
3 further amended to read:

4 **2. Required subjects.** Courses in the following subjects ~~shall~~ **must** be provided in
5 separate or integrated study programs to all students and required for a high school
6 diploma:

7 A. English—~~2, 4~~ 4 years;

8 B. Social studies and history, including American history, government, and civics
9 ~~and personal finance—2, 4~~ years;

10 C. Mathematics—~~2, 4~~ 4 years;

11 D. Science, including at least one year of laboratory study—~~2, 4~~ 4 years; ~~and~~

12 E. Fine arts, which may include art, music, forensics or drama—~~1~~ one year;

13 F. Physical education, including documented participation in physical activities
14 outside of structured classroom activities, one year;

15 G. Career studies, which may include, but is not limited to, career investigation, job
16 interview preparation, on-the-job learning experience and interning, 1/2 year; and

17 H. Life skills, which may include, but is not limited to, personal finance and
18 financial literacy, basic car maintenance, basic carpentry and basic food preparation
19 and nutrition, 1/2 year.

20 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §4722, sub-§§7 and 8**, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 669, §6,
21 are repealed.

22 **Sec. 3. Rulemaking.** The Department of Education shall adopt rules establishing
23 the following 4 pathways by which students may demonstrate achievement of high school
24 diploma standards under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 4722, subsection
25 2-A:

26 1. Pathway A:

27 A. Minimum ACT scores of: English, 18; mathematics, 22; reading, 22; and science,
28 23; or

29 B. Minimum SAT scores of: Evidenced-based reading and writing, 480; and
30 mathematics, 530;

31 2. Pathway B:

32 A. Minimum 2.8 grade point average;

33 B. One academic indicator; and

34 C. Two career indicators;

35 3. Pathway C:

