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129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1267

S.P. 387

In Senate, March 14, 2019

**An Act To Allow the Awarding of Graduation Credits by Career
and Technical Education Centers and Regions**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative STEARNS of Guilford and
Senators: GRATWICK of Penobscot, HERBIG of Waldo, LIBBY of Androscoggin,
MILLETT of Cumberland, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representative: DAUGHTRY of
Brunswick.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4722, sub-§2-B** is enacted to read:

3 **2-B. Career and technical education credit toward graduation requirements.**
4 Course credit earned by a student of a school administrative unit through career and
5 technical education courses and programs approved by the commissioner under section
6 8306-C must be applied by the school administrative unit toward the student's
7 achievement of the graduation requirements of this section and the parameters for
8 essential instruction and graduation requirements established under section 6209,
9 subsection 2.

10 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §4722-A, sub-§3, ¶F** is enacted to read:

11 F. In addition to the circumstances under paragraph B-2, course credit earned
12 through career and technical education courses and programs approved by the
13 commissioner under section 8306-C must be applied to the content areas in the
14 statewide system of learning results established pursuant to section 6209.

15 **Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §8306-C** is enacted to read:

16 **§8306-C. Approval of programs and courses for credit toward graduation**
17 **requirements**

18 A career and technical education center or region may award course credit in the
19 content areas of the statewide system of learning results established pursuant to section
20 6209 for approved courses under this section. A unit shall count course credit awarded
21 under this section toward the graduation requirements established under sections 4722
22 and 4722-A.

23 **1. Procedure.** A career and technical education center or region may submit a
24 course or program to the commissioner for approval pursuant to subsection 2.

25 **2. Approval.** The commissioner shall approve courses and programs that meet the
26 criteria established pursuant to rule. For each course or program approved by the
27 commissioner, the commissioner shall establish the credit to be awarded on completion of
28 the course or program and the content area toward which a unit must count the credit.

29 **3. Rules.** The commissioner shall adopt rules to implement this section. The rules
30 must include:

31 A. A procedure for a career and technical education center or region to submit a
32 course or program to be approved for credit toward graduation requirements under
33 subsection 1; and

34 B. Criteria in each content area established under sections 4722, 4722-A and 6209
35 that a career and technical education course or program must meet for approval under
36 this section.

37 Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5,
38 chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

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SUMMARY

2 This bill allows career and technical education centers and regions to award credit
3 toward graduation requirements for courses and programs that are approved by the
4 Commissioner of Education. The commissioner is required to establish the credit to be
5 awarded and the content area toward which the school administrative unit must apply the
6 credit. Finally, the commissioner must adopt routine technical rules that develop a
7 procedure for career and technical education centers and regions to submit courses and
8 programs for approval and criteria in each content area that the course or program must
9 meet to be approved.