

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 991

House of Representatives, March 21, 2019

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**An Act To Create an Additional Pathway To Certify Industrial Arts  
Teachers To Foster Career and Technical Subjects in Maine Schools**

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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.