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An Act Regarding Eligibility to Apply for a Department of Education Diploma

Received by the Clerk of the House on February 20, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative BRENNAN of Portland. Cosponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York and

Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, DHALAC of South Portland, DODGE of Belfast, MURPHY of Scarborough, RANA of Bangor, STOVER of

Boothbay, Senator: PIERCE of Cumberland.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §257-A, sub-§1-C is enacted to read:
3	1-C. Exception for significant interruption to student's education conditions. A
4	student is eligible to apply for a Department of Education diploma if that student is a 4th
5	year secondary school student and is unable to satisfy the requirements for a diploma from
6	a school administrative unit because of a significant interruption to the student's education
7	conditions as approved by the commissioner during the student's secondary school
8	education history.
9	SUMMARY
10	This bill provides that a student is eligible to apply for a Department of Education
11	diploma if that student is a 4th year secondary school student and is unable to satisfy the
12	requirements for a diploma from a school administrative unit because of a significant
13	interruption to the student's education conditions as approved by the Commissioner of
14	Education during the student's secondary school education history.