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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 132ND LEGISLATURE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 768, L.D. 1163, "An Act to Foster Career and Technical Education in Maine Schools by Creating an Additional Pathway to Certify Industrial Arts Teachers"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, Directing the State Board of Education to Amend Its Educator Credentialing Rules to Create a Pathway for an Industrial Arts Endorsement'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, this legislation must take effect before the end of the 90-day period so that educators in the State may take advantage of the industrial arts endorsement provided for in this legislation as soon as possible;

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. State Board of Education rule; industrial arts endorsement.

Resolved: That the State Board of Education shall amend its rule Chapter 115: The Credentialing of Education Personnel, Part II: Requirements for Specific Certificates and Endorsements to create a pathway for an industrial arts endorsement for a teacher certificate. Components of industrial arts for which a teacher may obtain an endorsement must include, but are not limited to, automotive body repair, diagnostics and mechanics, welding, electrical, carpentry and computer-aided design. Eligibility requirements for obtaining the endorsement must include, but are not limited to, completion of a registered apprenticeship; completion of a 2-year certificate from an accredited technical institution; and completion of a minimum number of hours of experience learning and paid applied employment or teaching in the trade for which an endorsement is sought.



Approved: 05/27/25 **LRL**

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LD 1163

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An Act to Foster Career and Technical Education in Maine Schools by Creating an Additional Pathway to Certify Industrial Arts Teachers

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-515)

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the State Board of Education associated with the rulemaking process can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.