

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, April 1, 2025

### **An Act to Create Alternative Pathways for Certification or Endorsement of Industrial Arts Teachers**

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Received by the Clerk of the House on March 28, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor.  
Cosponsored by Senator HAGGAN of Penobscot and  
Representatives: ARDELL of Monticello, CARUSO of Caratunk, CIMINO of Bridgton,  
FLYNN of Albion, OLSEN of Raymond, POIRIER of Skowhegan, Senator: MOORE of  
Washington.

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

**Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §13011, sub-§6-C is enacted to read:**

**6-C. Additional pathways for industrial arts certification; conditional certificate; endorsement.** The state board shall adopt rules relating to the credentialing of educational personnel to create a pathway for a teacher to obtain a conditional certificate and a pathway for a teacher to obtain an endorsement on a teaching certificate for a component of industrial arts as defined by the department with an experiential laboratory that includes, but is not limited to, automotive body repair, diagnostics and mechanics; welding; electrical; carpentry; and computer-aided design. An endorsement under this subsection must be separate from other endorsements. At a minimum, rules adopted pursuant to this subsection to obtain a conditional certificate must include the following qualifications:

A. A completed apprenticeship registered with a statewide or national apprenticeship and training organization;

B. A completed 2-year degree or certificate from a technical institution accredited by a national association of career and technical schools or similar organization; and

C. Completion of a minimum of 36 months of paid work experience or teaching experience in a career and technical endorsement area, of which a minimum of 12 months was:

(1) At a supervisory level; and

(2) Completed during the 5 years immediately preceding application for a conditional certificate or endorsement under this subsection.

Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

## SUMMARY

This bill directs the State Board of Education to adopt rules to amend the credentialing of educational personnel to create a pathway for a teacher to obtain a conditional certificate and a pathway for a teacher to obtain an endorsement on a teaching certificate for a component of industrial arts with an experiential laboratory.