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House of Representatives, April 11, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Education suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative WHITCOMB of Waldo.

Cosponsored by Representative SMALL of Bath, Representative CROWLEY of Stockton Springs and Senator ESTES of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINE

**An Act to Better Incorporate Vocational Education into High School
Graduation Requirements.**



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

3 **20-A MRSA §4722, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 859, Pt.
5 C, §§5 and 7, is amended to read:

7 **3. Satisfactory completion.** A diploma shall be awarded only
9 to secondary school students who have satisfactorily completed
11 all diploma requirements in accordance with the academic
13 standards of the school administrative unit. Vocational students
may, with the approval of the commissioner, satisfy the 2nd-year
math and science and ~~the 3rd-year~~ 2nd-year social studies and
the fine arts requirements of subsection 2 through separate or
integrated study within the vocational school curriculum.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill adds to the list of high school graduation requirements a student may satisfy through the vocational school curriculum. Under the bill, a student, with the approval of the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services, may satisfy the fine arts requirement through separate or integrated study within the vocational school curriculum. The bill recognizes that vocational students, in the course of the vocational curriculum, are exposed to and learn artistic as well as mathematical, scientific and social science concepts, although these concepts may not be presented in a conventional academic manner.

The bill also corrects the reference to the 2nd-year social studies requirement for high school graduation.