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H.P. 65

House of Representatives, January 12, 2011

An Act To Include the Study of Franco-American History in the System of Learning Results

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative BOLDUC of Auburn.
Cosponsored by Representatives: AYOTTE of Caswell, BELIVEAU of Kittery, DION of
Portland, FREDETTE of Newport, GILBERT of Jay, LAJOIE of Lewiston, MALONEY of
Augusta, TREAT of Hallowell.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4706, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 313, §9, is
3 further amended to read:

4 **1. American history.** American history, government and citizenship, including the
5 Constitution of the United States, the Declaration of Independence, the importance of
6 voting and the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship, must be taught in and
7 required for graduation from all elementary and secondary schools, both public and
8 private. Required components of American history include the study of Franco-American
9 history and the study of the influence of French intellectual thought on American history,
10 which must be included in the review of content standards and performance indicators of
11 the system of learning results conducted in accordance with section 6209, subsection 4.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill amends the law governing instruction in American history in schools to
14 require the inclusion of Franco-American history and the study of the influence of French
15 intellectual thought on American history.