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House of Representatives, March 11, 2015

An Act To Allow Secondary Schools To Grant Certificates of Academic Proficiency

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative HUBBELL of Bar Harbor.

Cosponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock and

Representatives: KORNFIELD of Bangor, MAKER of Calais, Senator: MILLETT of

Cumberland.

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4722-A, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Certificates of content area proficiency. A school administrative unit may award a certificate of content area proficiency to a student who has demonstrated proficiency in each content area of the system of learning results established under section 6209. A certificate of content area proficiency may be included in the student's permanent academic transcript, and a student may use a certificate of content area proficiency as an official credential of academic achievement for the purposes of employment and postsecondary education. A school administrative unit may report its issuance of certificates of content area proficiency to the department, and the department may collect and aggregate these data as evidence of intermediate progress towards high school graduation goals.

13 SUMMARY

This bill authorizes school administrative units to award certificates of content area proficiency to students who demonstrate proficiency in each content area of the system of learning results.