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S.P. 74

In Senate, January 24, 2017

An Act To Amend the Mathematics Requirements for High School Graduation

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
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative MALABY of Hancock and
Representative: McCREA of Fort Fairfield.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4704**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 454, §18, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **§4704. Courses prescribed by the commissioner**

5 The commissioner shall prescribe by rule the basic courses of study that are in
6 alignment with the system of learning results as established in section 6209 for the
7 elementary and secondary schools, consistent with the requirements of this chapter, and
8 may include minimum time requirements and performance standards. The rules adopted
9 under this section may not include a requirement that students complete an advanced
10 algebra course.

11 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §6209, sub-§2, ¶E**, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 649, §1, is
12 amended to read:

13 E. Mathematics, except that students may not be required to achieve proficiency in
14 advanced algebra;

15 **Sec. 3. Amend rules.** The Commissioner of Education shall amend the rules
16 adopted pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 4704 by the
17 beginning of the 2018-2019 school year to eliminate any requirement that students
18 complete an advanced algebra course.

19 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill prohibits requiring the secondary course of study in schools from including
21 an advanced algebra course and prohibits requiring students to achieve proficiency in
22 advanced algebra. The bill requires the Commissioner of Education to amend the rules
23 by the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year requiring students to complete an
24 advanced algebra course.