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House of Representatives, February 7, 2017

An Act To Require a Capstone Project as a Condition of High School Graduation

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative FULLER of Lewiston.
Cosponsored by Representatives: WOOD of Greene, ZEIGLER of Montville, Senator:
MAKER of Washington.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4722-A, sub-§1, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 489, §2,
3 is further amended to read:

4 C. Certify that the student has demonstrated proficiency in each of the guiding
5 principles set forth in department rules governing implementation of the system of
6 learning results established pursuant to section 6209; ~~and~~

7 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §4722-A, sub-§1, ¶E**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 489, §2, is
8 amended to read:

9 E. Certify that the student has engaged in educational experiences relating to English
10 language arts, mathematics and science and technology in each year of the student's
11 secondary schooling; and

12 **Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §4722-A, sub-§1, ¶F** is enacted to read:

13 F. For a student graduating in the graduating class of 2019-2020 and for each
14 subsequent graduating class, certify that the student has satisfactorily completed a
15 capstone project under a capstone program established pursuant to section 4730.

16 **Sec. 4. 20-A MRSA §4730** is enacted to read:

17 **§4730. Capstone program**

18 A school administrative unit operating a secondary school shall establish a capstone
19 program. The capstone program must require each student to complete a capstone
20 project. The capstone project must be developed by a student and must require the
21 student to identify a problem, develop a solution to that problem and share that solution
22 with the community. The capstone program must require a student to communicate
23 effectively orally and in writing, think critically, access information from a variety of
24 sources and express ideas creatively.

25 **SUMMARY**

26 This bill requires all high school students to complete a capstone project in which the
27 student must identify a problem, develop a solution to that problem and share that
28 solution with the community.