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House of Representatives, February 7, 2019

An Act To Count Study Abroad toward Secondary School Credit

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

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative FECTEAU of Augusta.
Cosponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec and
Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, DRINKWATER of Milford, FECTEAU of Biddeford,
INGWERSEN of Arundel, KORNFIELD of Bangor, MASON of Lisbon, McCREA of Fort
Fairfield, SAMPSON of Alfred.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4730** is enacted to read:

3 **§4730. Study abroad**

4 A school administrative unit shall award course credits to a student who has studied
5 abroad and who seeks to be awarded course credits by the student's local school
6 administrative unit in accordance with one of the following standards. The school
7 administrative unit may:

8 **1. Elective credit.** Award the student elective credits in the amount equal to 1/3 of
9 the direct instruction hours received abroad;

10 **2. Third-party certification.** Award the student course credits in the relevant
11 content area if the student attains certification in that content area by a 3rd party approved
12 by the school administrative unit. The amount of course credits must be determined by
13 comparing the results of the certification and the requirements of an equivalent course
14 offered by the school administrative unit; or

15 **3. Summative assessment.** Award the student course credits in the relevant content
16 area if the student receives a passing grade on:

17 A. The summative assessment in an equivalent course offered by the school
18 administrative unit; or

19 B. The first summative assessment in a course that is one level higher than the
20 equivalent course offered by the school administrative unit.

21 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill requires school administrative units to award course credit to students who
23 have studied abroad by awarding the student elective credit based on hours of instruction
24 received abroad or by awarding credit hours in the relevant content area if the student
25 receives 3rd-party certification or if the student passes a summative assessment.