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H.P. 787

House of Representatives, March 5, 2019

**An Act To Address Maine's Firefighter Shortage by Offering
Firefighter Training for Credit in High School Career and
Technical Education Programs**

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 ANDREWS of Paris.
Cosponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec and
Representatives: FECTION of Augusta, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, McCREIGHT of
Harpwell, MORRIS of Turner, PICKETT of Dixfield, SAMPSON of Alfred, STEWART of
Presque Isle, Senator: TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §8308** is enacted to read:

3 **§8308. Firefighter training**

4 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 8306-B, subsection 2, a center or region
5 may offer as a career and technical education program firefighter training that meets the
6 requirements of section 8306-B, subsection 3. The program shall use National Fire
7 Protection Association standards for fire fighter professional qualifications as the industry
8 standard under section 8306-B, subsection 3.

9 **SUMMARY**

10 This bill allows career and technical education centers and regions to offer firefighter
11 training as an approved program and requires the program to use National Fire Protection
12 Association standards for fire fighter professional qualifications as the industry standard
13 for the firefighter training.