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An Act Concerning Civics Instruction

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative BAILEY of Gorham.
Cosponsored by Senator BAILEY of York and
Representatives: CROCKETT of Portland, HEPLER of Woolwich, ORDWAY of Standish,
SALISBURY of Westbrook, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, WOOD
of Portland, Senator: WOODSOME of York.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4722, sub-§2, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 202, §1, is
3 further amended to read:

4 B. ~~Social studies and history~~ History, including American history, ~~government, civics~~
5 ~~and personal finance--2 years~~ and the histories of religious and racial minorities,
6 women and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people--one year or the equivalent
7 in standards achievement;

8 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §4722, sub-§2, ¶B-1** is enacted to read:

9 B-1. Civics and economics, including citizenship, government, personal finance and
10 entrepreneurship--one year or the equivalent in standards achievement;

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill amends the minimum requirements for a high school diploma regarding
13 instruction on history and civics.