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An Act To Improve Professional Training for School Counselors

Received by the Clerk of the House on March 1, 2021. Referred to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative CRAFTS of Newcastle.
Cosponsored by Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, HEPLER of Woolwich, STOVER of Boothbay, Senator: MAXMIN of Lincoln.

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

2 **CONCEPT DRAFT**

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

5 This bill proposes to make changes to the certification requirements for school
6 counselors to require that applicants demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Department of
7 Education successful completion of a minimum of 6 hours of course work in family or
8 intimate partner violence, including course work in spousal or partner abuse that addresses
9 screening, referral and intervention strategies, including knowledge of community
10 resources, cultural factors, evidence-based risk assessment and same-gender abuse
11 dynamics. The requirements must be based on similar course work requirements for
12 psychologists, clinical professional counselors and clinical social workers. The Maine
13 Coalition to End Domestic Violence must be consulted in the development of the course
14 work.