

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, March 9, 2021

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**An Act To Create an Additional Pathway To Certify Industrial Arts  
Teachers To Foster Career and Technical Subjects in Maine Schools**

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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 FECTEAU of Augusta.  
Cosponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec and  
Representatives: FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, LYMAN of Livermore Falls,  
ORDWAY of Standish, ROCHE of Wells, SAMPSON of Alfred, STEARNS of Guilford,  
Senator: WOODSOME of York.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §13011, sub-§6-C** is enacted to read:

3 **6-C. Additional pathway for industrial arts certification.** The state board shall  
4 adopt rules relating to the credentialing of educational personnel to create a pathway for a  
5 teacher to obtain a conditional certificate and a pathway for a teacher to obtain an  
6 endorsement on a teaching certificate for a component of industrial arts as defined by the  
7 department with an experiential lab that includes, but is not limited to, automotive body  
8 repair, diagnostics and mechanics; welding; electrical; carpentry; and computer-aided  
9 design. This endorsement must be separate from other endorsements.

10 A. At a minimum, rules adopted pursuant to this subsection to obtain a conditional  
11 certificate must include the following qualifications:

12 (1) A completed apprenticeship registered with a statewide or national  
13 apprenticeship and training organization;

14 (2) A completed 2-year degree or certificate from a technical institution accredited  
15 by a national association of career and technical schools or similar organization;  
16 and

17 (3) Completion of a minimum of 36 months of paid work experience or teaching  
18 experience in a career and technical endorsement area, of which a minimum of 12  
19 months was:

20 (a) At a supervisory level; and

21 (b) Completed during the 5 years immediately preceding application for a  
22 conditional certificate or endorsement under this subsection.

23 Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5,  
24 chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

## 25 **SUMMARY**

26 This bill directs the State Board of Education to adopt rules to amend the credentialing  
27 of educational personnel to create a pathway for a teacher to obtain a conditional certificate  
28 and a pathway for a teacher to obtain an endorsement on a teaching certificate for a  
29 component of industrial arts with an experiential lab.