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An Act to Add an Adult Education Pathway to a High School Diploma

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

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative LEE of Auburn and
Senator: LIBBY of Cumberland, Representatives: LIBBY of Auburn, SHAW of Auburn.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §257, sub-§1, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 381, §1, is
3 further amended by amending subparagraph (2) to read:

4 (2) Has demonstrated, through procedures prescribed by the commissioner,
5 attainment of a general educational development comparable to that of a secondary
6 school graduate; or

7 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §257, sub-§1, ¶F** is enacted to read:

8 F. Has completed the required adult education courses prescribed by the commissioner
9 within 4 years of beginning high school.

10 **Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §8602**, as amended by PL 1991, c. 518, §34, is further amended
11 to read:

12 **§8602. Rules**

13 The commissioner may adopt rules to establish requirements for adult education
14 courses, to establish procedures for approving adult education courses offered by units,
15 regions or centers, establish adult education requirements to achieve a high school
16 equivalency diploma and to otherwise carry out the purposes of this chapter.

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill requires the Commissioner of Education to issue a high school equivalency
19 diploma to an adult education student who has met requirements prescribed by the
20 commissioner.