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**An Act To Clarify the Role of Career and Technical Education
Region Adult Education Programs**

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative CHAPMAN of Brooksville.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §8601-A, sub-§1**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2011, c.
3 517, §1, is amended to read:

4 **1. Adult education.** "Adult education" means an education program primarily
5 operated for individuals beyond the compulsory school age that is administered by school
6 administrative units or regions and that includes intake, assessment, career advising,
7 instruction and individual learning plans; is guided by data management, annual
8 monitoring and annual professional development plans; uses appropriately certified staff;
9 is designed to meet identified local needs; and offers at least 3 or, in the case of a
10 program administered by a region, one of the following:

- 11 A. Basic literacy instruction or instruction in English as a Second Language;
- 12 B. High school completion courses;
- 13 C. College transition courses;
- 14 D. Career pathways services; and
- 15 E. Enrichment courses.

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill includes adult education programs administered by a career and technical
18 education region in the definition of "adult education" in the adult education laws and
19 requires such a program to offer courses in at least one of the 5 basic course categories
20 provided in statute. Current law includes only programs administered by school
21 administrative units in the definition of "adult education" and requires school
22 administrative units to offer courses in at least 3 of the course categories.