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An Act to Establish a Targeted Need Teacher Certificate.

Submitted by the Department of Education pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 15, 1999. Referred to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BERUBE of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Senator SMALL of Sagadahoc, Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland,
STEDMAN of Hartland.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §13011, sub-§9** is enacted to read:

6 9. Targeted need certificate. The state board shall adopt
8 rules that establish criteria under which a targeted need area
10 certificate may be issued. This certificate may be issued only
12 to a person holding a bachelor's degree and teaching in a teacher
14 shortage area. The teacher shortage area is determined by the
16 commissioner. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are
18 routine technical rules in accordance with Title 5, chapter 375,
20 subchapter II-A.

SUMMARY

20 This bill creates a new certificate authorizing a person to
18 teach in an area determined to be a "teacher shortage area,"
16 which the Department of Education would issue only when certain
14 criteria are met and special circumstances exist.