

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 291

In Senate, February 22, 2005

### **An Act To Require All School Administrators To Spend Time Weekly in the Classroom with Students**

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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 "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CLUKEY of Aroostook. (BY REQUEST)  
Cosponsored by Representative SHERMAN of Hodgdon and  
Senators: COURTNEY of York, DAVIS of Piscataquis, SAVAGE of Knox, Representatives:  
CARR of Lincoln, GERZOFKY of Brunswick, JOY of Crystal, THOMAS of Ripley.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §2, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

6 4. Lifelong commitment to teaching. It is the intent of  
8 the Legislature that those involved in public schools remain  
10 committed and involved with students in the classroom during  
12 their careers in education. All persons holding supervisory or  
14 managerial positions in public schools with certification in the  
16 State shall spend at least 30 minutes per week teaching or  
18 supervising students in an elementary, middle or high school  
20 classroom. For the purpose of this section, "supervisory or  
22 managerial positions" includes the commissioner and all deputies,  
24 assistants, bureau heads, superintendents, assistant  
26 superintendents, principals and assistant principals.

18 **Sec. 2. Rulemaking.** The State Board of Education shall adopt  
20 rules to include the requirement of lifelong commitment to  
22 teaching pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A,  
24 section 2, subsection 4 for supervisory or managerial positions  
26 in the certification requirement for those positions.

## 24 SUMMARY

26 This bill requires school administrative officials,  
28 including the Commissioner of Education, to spend at least 30  
30 minutes per week in the classroom teaching or supervising  
students. Certification of those officials will be contingent  
upon fulfilling this requirement.