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H.P. 314

House of Representatives, January 29, 2019

An Act To Increase the Statewide Minimum Salary for Teachers

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative KORNFIELD of Bangor.
Cosponsored by Senator CARSON of Cumberland and
Representatives: DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, DODGE of Belfast, DUNPHY of Old Town,
FARNSWORTH of Portland, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, INGWERSEN of Arundel,
MASTRACCIO of Sanford, TIPPING of Orono.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §13406**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 635, §6, is amended to
3 read:

4 **§13406. Minimum certified teacher salaries**

5 Each school administrative unit shall establish a minimum salary of \$30,000 for
6 certified teachers for the school year starting after June 30, 2007 and in each subsequent
7 school year through the school year ending June 30, 2020. Each school administrative
8 unit shall establish a minimum salary of \$40,000 for certified teachers for the school year
9 starting after June 30, 2020 and in each subsequent school year.

10 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §15689, sub-§7-A** is enacted to read:

11 **7-A. Adjustment for minimum teacher salary.** Beginning in fiscal year 2020-21
12 and in each subsequent fiscal year, the commissioner shall increase the state share of the
13 total allocation to a qualifying school administrative unit in the current year by an amount
14 necessary to achieve the minimum salary for certified teachers established in section
15 13406.

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill increases the minimum salary for certified teachers, beginning with the
18 2020-2021 school year. This bill also requires the Commissioner of Education to
19 increase the state share of the total allocation to a qualifying school administrative unit to
20 achieve the minimum salary for certified teachers.